



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

4th September 2009

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing summer, and managed to get away, even if it did rain! We are all looking forward to another exciting year and are ready for the new activities that will be happening over the coming months. For those of you who are new to the school, our fortnightly newsletter details information about events and activities that are happening in school; for example parents' evenings, trips, school photographs, special days, after school clubs etc, as well as notification of useful dates. The newsletter will be sent electronically to all parents who have given us their email address and a hard copy given to the other children on a Friday. At the same time will also be published on our website.



Staffing

We are pleased to welcome our new staff this term. Miss Dowling is teaching Juniper Class and Mrs Brown is teaching Oak Class. Mrs Bradley, Miss Ellis, Mrs Collinswood, Mrs Battersbury, Mrs Sharp and Mr Lacey have joined the team, as well as Mrs Barlow in a new role, and are working with classes and individual children throughout the school. Also, Miss Stanton is now Mrs Stanton-Ketley.



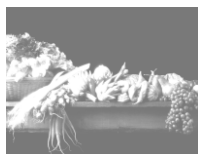
Music Lessons

Start dates – Violin, Thurs 10th September; Guitar (Mr Cannings), Wed 16th Sept; Piano – Fri 18th Sept.



CRB Checks

As I'm sure you'll agree, the safety of the children in school is of paramount importance. Therefore it is County policy to ensure all parents who help in school, either in the classroom or with transport, are CRB checked. This usually takes about three weeks to be authorized. If you wish to help in school please collect a CRB form from the school office. This needs to be renewed every three years.



Fruit/Snacks

If you provide a snack for your child for morning break (KS2 as fruit is provided in FS and KS1) please could you ensure it consists of only fruit or vegetables. We are part of the healthy schools project; therefore chocolate, sweets, biscuits, fruit winders etc are not allowed. Please remind them also that snacks should not be left in their lunch boxes as they are unable to return to the hall at breaktime to collect them.



Year Group Objective Meetings

You should have received a letter about a meeting regarding your child's year group. These are being held over the next two to three weeks. If you haven't received one, please ask at the office. There is no problem with bringing younger siblings but please be considerate to others if your child is disturbing the presentation. Thank you.

Building Work



We are delighted with the new bike and scooter shelter that has been built behind the library block. This was funded by County as we have a level three travel plan. Thank you to all the Travel Plan Committee, especially Brid Hayward for their hard work in securing the funding! Please could we remind everyone to store their bikes and scooters neatly.

We are also delighted with the new storage cupboards in the music room. There is now space for everyone to store their musical instruments during the day. PLEASE do not leave any instruments in the music block entrance, but make sure they are stored away neatly in the cupboards as soon as you arrive in school. Instruments left in the entrance will involve loss of housepoints!



Food Allergies

Please remember that there are a number of children and staff in school who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction if they come into contact with nuts (all nuts including peanuts and coconuts). We would therefore appreciate it if we have no nuts in school; this includes: peanut butter, Nutella and chocolate spreads. Please could you remember this when making/packing lunches for your children. Thank you.



Security

This is a reminder about the procedures for drop off/pick up times. Please could you also try to ensure your child arrives on time in the morning as it can be upsetting for them to arrive after their class has already gone in and it is important that they start their lessons promptly without missing the introduction of the session.

Reception

Parents need to wait with their children inside the gate in front of the Reception classes. The door will be unlocked at 8.40 at which time you may deliver your children to the teacher. At the end of the school day the children should be collected from the gate area in front of the Reception classes again.

Y1 – Y6

A teacher will be on duty in the playground from 8.30 each morning. From this time the school will be responsible for your children. You need to be aware that if children arrive in the playground before this time then they are your responsibility, as it is not possible for the children to be supervised. Please could you say goodbye to your children before watching them walk into the playground. At the end of the day it is important that the younger children are collected rather than just allowed to wander off themselves. Parents of children in Y1 and Chestnut class should stand in the paved area opposite the Reception classes and wait for the teachers to see you. Parents of Elm class children should stand in the area by the Hexagon. No child will be allowed to go until the teacher has seen the person who is collecting them. Teachers should also be made aware if other adults have been authorised by parents to collect their children.

We would also like to remind you that children should not be entering school before they go to the playground at the start of the day. Many children/parents are taking in book bags, PE bags, coats etc. These should be kept with the child and brought in with the child when the whistle has gone. Again, this is a safety issue.

This should ensure the safety of your children and your co-operation in this would be much appreciated!



New Procedure for Start of Day

To enable KS1 to start the day more efficiently, we will be starting a new procedure from Monday 7th September. All the children will put their lunchboxes on the trolleys in the hall straight from the playground, before going to their classrooms. We would therefore ask you to say your goodbyes before the children move up to the playground ready for the whistle at 8.40am. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Staff Training

Please note that this year the training days for staff when the school will be closed are 2nd November 2009, 4th January 2010 and 28th May 2010.



Clubs

All clubs will be starting the W/B 14th September. Letters will be going out for each club over the next week.



Homework Diaries

All children in KS2 have Homework Diaries. Your year group objectives meetings will explain fully how these will be used by the children and how your contribution is essential for the system to work. Please could you re-enforce to your child the importance of keeping the diary clean and dry, as the expectation is for the children to be responsible for their belongings. Should your child's diary be lost, it is possible to purchase a replacement from the school office for 80p.



Achievements

Well done to Lucy Barlow who won 'The Anderson Cup' for coming first in the Wycombe Riding Club Horse Show with her pony Sparky. She achieved the highest number of points in the up to age 16 category! Amy Barlow also did really well and was runner up. Well done to James Branch who passed his Grade 1 Piano exam with distinction and Ronja Cordes who passed her Grade 2 Piano exam, also with distinction!



New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 th September	Y4 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Tuesday 15 th September	Y1 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Wednesday 16 th September	Y3 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Thursday 17 th September	Reception Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Thursday 17 th September	Y6 PGL Meeting – 7.00pm
Monday 21 st September	Y6 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Tuesday 22 nd September	Y2 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Wednesday 23 rd September	Y5 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Thursday 1 st October	First 11+ exam AM
Friday 2 nd October	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 5 th October	Book Week
Wednesday 7 th October	Second 11+ exam AM
Monday 19 th October	Y2 Florence Nightingale
Wednesday 21 st October	Ward-Hendry individual photographs
Friday 23 rd October	End of first half-term
Monday 2 nd November	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Term starts
Tuesday 10 th November	Y3 Roman Day
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 12 th November	Y5 Victorian Day
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Monday 16 th November	Writing Week
Monday 23 rd November	Y4 to Ufton Court (Cherry)
Tuesday 24 th November	Y4 to Ufton Court (Willow)
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 8 th December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Wednesday 9 th December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Friday 11 th December	Clic Sargent concert – Royal Albert Hall
Monday 14 th December	OAP Xmas Party 1.30 – 3.00
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Carol Concert 7.00 – 8.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception Nativity for parents 11.00 – 12.00
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Parties

Friday 18 th December	End of term 1.30pm
Monday 4 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Term starts
Friday 12 th February	'B' Factor Final PM
Friday 12 th February	End of first Half-term
Monday 22 nd February	Term Starts
Wednesday 24 th February	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 25 th February	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Tuesday 23 rd March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 24 th March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 25 th March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 1 st April	End of Term 1.30pm
Monday 19 th April	Term Starts
Monday 26 th April	Y5 PGL to Osmington Bay
Monday 10 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 17 th May	Y6 PGL to Barton Hall
Thursday 27 th May	End of first Half-term
Friday 28 th May	Training Day
Monday 7 th June	Term starts
Monday 14 th June	KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 15 th June	KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Monday 21 st June	Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 22 nd June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Monday 28 th June	Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 29 th June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 29 th June	11+ meeting for Y5 parents 7.00 – 8.00pm
Friday 2 nd July	Reports out
Monday 5 th July	Helping Parents Tea Party
Tuesday 6 th July	Induction Day
Wednesday 7 th July	Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 8 th July	Summer music concert
Tuesday 13 th July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Wednesday 14 th July	UKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 15 th July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Term Ends 1.30pm

Academic Year 2010/2011

Wednesday 1 st September	Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	Term starts
Friday 22 nd October	First half-term ends
Monday 1 st November	Term starts
Friday 17 th December	Term ends
Tuesday 4 th January	Training Day
Wednesday 5 th January	Term starts
Friday 18 th February	End of first Half-term
Monday 28 th February	Term starts
Friday 8 th April	Term ends
Wednesday 27 th April	Term starts
Friday 27 th May	End of first half-term
Monday 6 th June	Term starts
Friday 22 nd July	Term Ends

Yours Sincerely



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Headteacher

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