



Update

Autumn Term 1

September 2009

Welcome back

Hopefully you all had a fantastic summer. The children have returned with lots of stories to tell. The start of term has been very smooth with the rhythm of school life returning rapidly. The new staff would like to thank parents for their warm welcome and look forward to meeting you at parents' evening. The meetings will be held on 30th September (early Junior and late Infant) and on 1st October (early Infant and late Junior). Please look out for the appointment letter which will come home on the 18th. It will be accompanied by your child's targets for the year ahead. Please respond quickly to the invitation. I have asked teachers to ensure that they collect the section indicating what will be done at home so this can continue to be part of the Home School Partnership.

Building Work

The playground work at the Juniors is largely complete with all the hard surfacing complete. The castle tower, slide, rope walk and sun sail are due to be fitted soon when the grass has settled in. It really looks good and, when finally in action, will be an excellent resource.

The work on the entrance to Willow (which will provide direct access to the playground) is delayed but will be finished as soon as the fibre optic cable is moved.

Work on the Year 6 annex at the Juniors (we are still thinking of a catchy name for the extra classroom) was delayed over the summer because authorisation for planning took a long time to be cleared. The work has started this week and will be complete within 4 weeks. Your children know the temporary arrangements for the start and end of the day.

Uniform

It is good to start the year as we mean to go on. Nearly everyone has been great with uniform, so these are some reminders from the handbook:

Please wear flat heeled shoes or practical flat open toed sandals with ankle and foot straps (no trainers.)

The uniform can be purchased at John Lewis.

Grey fleece (for outdoor use only)

The guidance on earrings has been changed by the authority. The new instructions are that earrings must be removed for PE so please don't let your child wear an earring until you know they will be able to remove it themselves or remove them at home on PE days

Infants Read Write Inc Programme

This restarts on the 14th September. Please be aware that groupings are flexible according to the assessed learning needs of each child. If you have any questions please talk to the class teacher.

Office

The office opens at 8:30 and is closed at 4:30.

Dinners cost £1 75. If you would like to pay in advance for a longer period the office will carry any missed meals forward into the next week so you can pay a lump sum to save the Monday morning scramble.

Clubs

We are pleased that 3 clubs have already started. Sports club will be starting next Monday and drama will soon be returning on a Tuesday. My thanks to Mrs Hart and Mrs James who are running the Netball Club.

If you would like to run a club please let me know. Art? ICT? For extended hours child care, the After school Club is available and can be contacted on 07842 771647. The Breakfast Club is also available and can be contacted on 07740334268.

Mobile Phones

The children should not be bringing mobile phones to school. If there are special circumstances at home which require it then please contact me.

Church Service

It is lovely to see parents at the Thursday Service. It adds to the family feel, so please join us and take a seat. If I could remind you that the start time is 3pm. If you are collecting your child then please come in through the side door and exit via the main door. This system of traffic flow will help us keep an eye on collections.

Dates

H S A Christmas Fair now 5th Dec.

Parking

Please if you can spare a daytime drive or a permit we have a dire need especially since the changes in restrictions.

Celebrations

Well done to Year 6 whose persuasive letters raised £100 towards new water Butts.

The following children succeeded in passing my tables challenge last term.

Toby Dudson, Olivia Manger-Webber, Patryk Wozniarski, Patrick Lotery, and Christopher Lotery.

Congratulations to Mrs Tomb (who left us last year) who has had a baby boy called Ruben.