



Update

Autumn Term 2

In School

Oak base have been talking, writing & drawing their summer holiday news, learning about numbers by counting, matching & ordering, recognising the seasons and learning about the importance of rules as they settle into school.

Willow base have been enjoying drama as doctors and nurses when 'Willowshire Hospital' was overrun with sick babies due to the cold weather. Children then gave an oral recount to update nightshift staff.

Ash base have been building relationships through circle time activities and establishing rules and routines. They have enjoyed learning songs which change in pitch and have been drawing maps of their routes to school.

Maple base have been learning estimation and place value in numeracy. They have done some superb work in literacy using dictionaries and in geography plotting physical and human features on maps of the local area. They are starting an art project on self-portraits.

Infant Department Reminder

The teachers have asked me to remind parents that after dropping your child off, the exit route is via the class door and not via the office and staff door which leads to the main entrance.

Year 5 have been studying the book 'Truckers' by Terry Pratchett. They wrote a short story about why the lorry was racing through the street. In maths, they have been learning how to read and write large numbers.

Year 6 have been studying the blitz. They have been detectives researching the impact of the bombing on the local area. They are producing their own war style propaganda posters using ICT.

Year 4 the class has been writing journals as a character from the class book. In maths the children the done really well at division with remainders.

Year 3 have been 'Minpins' (blame Roald Dahl!) and have been running away from monsters. They have been learning about volume and capacity and have moved on to looking at viscosity.

Would any Year 3s like to join singing club on Tuesday after school?

Film club.

Please look out for the flyer about the Junior Department Film Club.

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Community Activity

Pre-Mini-South-Run training sessions are held each Saturday, 2-3pm on the Common between the Model Boating Lake and the crossroads. All are invited to come along, not just kids/parents doing the run. There is an intention to raise sponsorship for the Piam Brown Oncology Ward at SGH.

Spanish Club

We currently have a lunchtime Spanish club in the Junior Department run in cooperation with El Club Español. It will now be on Wednesday from 12.20pm to 1.00pm. It is a fun club where children learn Spanish through activities they enjoy, such as games and songs. The club needs a minimum of 6 children to take place. The price for a term is £58. If you would like your child to join or simply wish to find out more, please contact Elysabeth Sheppard on (01962) 882655 or elysabeth@europalingua.org.uk.

Latin Club.

Thank you for the returned slips. The most popular day was Tuesday so the club will start next week on Tuesday. It is not too late to express an interest if your child is in Year 4 or Year 5.

Uniform

It has been brought to my attention that the John Lewis web site lists compulsory items for school uniform. The listing is not accurate. I will be contacting them to discuss this. Our uniform list is in the Parent Handbook (E2) and the majority of items can be sourced from a range of retail outlets. Please contact John Lewis if you need to discuss refunds.

1st Aid reminder

A quick note about plasters. These should only be used on cuts etc. for no more than 7 hours.

Dates

Wed 29th Sept; Parents evening, early Juniors / late Infants (letters have gone home.) Please remember to return the 'What we will be doing at home...' sheet.

Thurs 30th Sept: Photographs of children from 8:45 at the Church Centre for family or sibling photographs. You will need to bring them to school afterwards.

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Notices

Dinners are £1.80 per day or £9 a week. You have the option of paying for weeks in advance.

Please note that the updated privacy agreement is posted on the web site.