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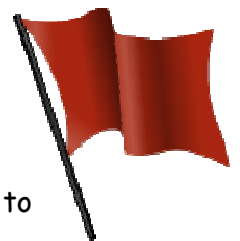


NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer with the children. I am very impressed that they have returned to school with a positive attitude and they all look smart in their school uniforms.

A few bullet points for the benefit of our new parents, and as a reminder to all ...



- We send a newsletter home once a month. Letters go home by email to all parents registered on Parentmail. If you do not wish to use this system, you will get a paper copy of letters in your child's book bag. We will put a red flag out at the main gate to let you know a newsletter has gone home, to remind you to check bags and inboxes! A paper copy of this newsletter is being sent to the new Reception parents this time just in case you have not yet registered with Parentmail. If you have not received an activation email or if you are having difficulties logging in, please speak to Sharon in the school office.
- *Parking* - We ask all parents to please avoid driving into Hawkins Close. Parents are not permitted to park in the Residents' parking area or the school's tennis court. Spaces are available outside the school for holders of a disabled blue badge - please speak to the office about this. **Please park safely and with respect - not on junctions and not across the driveways of residents.**
- *Milk* is only delivered for children who are registered with Coolmilk (it is free for children under the age of five). If you would like your child to have milk in school, please register online at www.coolmilk.com. (current cost of children's milk is £18 per term).
- *Pupil Premium (means tested free school meals)* - please ask for details at the office if you think you may be entitled. If you are entitled, we will cover the cost of any school trips, pay for them to have free milk in school once they have turned five and also fund one after-school club for your child.
- *Sickness* - If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office before 8.45 a.m. and leave a message on the answerphone. Alternatively, those who have successfully registered on Parentmail can now report absence using this. Any child suffering from sickness or diarrhoea must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- *Lateness* - The school gates open at 8.35 a.m. Children need to be on site before 8.45 a.m. when the learning day starts. Any child arriving after 8.45 a.m. will be marked in the register as late and may miss key information for the first learning session. Arrival after 9.15 a.m. will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Please try and ensure that your child is here on time. Thank you. The Year 1 gate by Butterfly and Ladybird classes will be locked at 8.45 a.m. every morning for security reasons. Please bring your child to the front office if you are arriving after 8.45 a.m. and they will be taken to their classroom.

- *Please name everything!* - Please can you ensure that everything your child brings to school, especially coats, hats, scarves and gloves, jumpers/cardigans, shoes, lunch boxes, water bottles and PE kits are named. We always have a huge pile of lost property which would not happen if we could return everything to its owner!
 - *Snacks and Lunchboxes* - The Government provide fruit and vegetable snacks for all the children. If your child brings in their own fruit or vegetable snack, please put this in a separate container, clearly named, to put in their drawer ready for snack time. If your child is having packed lunches, we ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate in lunchboxes (chocolate coated biscuits are fine).
- We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.** This is because we have children in school with severe nut allergies. We recognise some parents may be disappointed that they cannot include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes, but I am sure you understand that health and safety always comes first.



- *Health and Safety*
 1. Earrings must be small studs. During PE they must be removed or covered with tape. Please provide a reel of micropore tape to be kept in your child's drawer.
 2. Long hair must be tied back for school.
- *Pick-Up Time* - Please let the office know by email or phone if someone different to usual will be collecting your child. We will not let your child go home with someone else unless we have spoken to you personally to get permission.
- *Before and After School* - Please do not let your children or toddlers play on or with any equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons, and remind them not to scoot or cycle on the playground or anywhere in the school grounds - all bikes and scooters must be left in the racks as soon as they arrive at school, and should be collected on your way out of the gate.
- *Requests for Absence from Learning* - Absence from learning will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. It is the school's policy to refer to the Local Authority for consideration of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for children who have unauthorised absence from school, where a pupil has a minimum of 10 school sessions (5 days) off in a 10-school week period. This includes any absence marked in the register as unauthorised, persistent late arrival at school after the register has been taken that is recorded as an unauthorised absence, or a holiday in term time which has not been authorised. The FPN is issued with an invoice for £120 and 28 days are given for you to settle the penalty. If the FPN is paid within the first 21 days, the amount payable is reduced to £60. We would particularly ask that Year 1 children do not have any time off during May and June as this is when they are preparing for, and sitting, their phonics checks. A copy of our Attendance and Absence Policy is on our website for your information.

I look forward to working in partnership with you, to support your child's learning and to make their early experiences of school something that they will treasure for the rest of their lives.

Sally Dreckmann

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Headteacher



Term Dates for the 2023 - 2024 Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn term 2023	Starts: Monday 4 September Half term: Monday 23 to Friday 27 October Ends: Friday 15 December
Christmas break 2023	Monday 18 December to Monday 1 January
Spring term 2024	Starts: Wednesday 3 January (Tuesday 2 January is an INSET day) Half term: Monday 12 to Friday 16 February Ends: Thursday 28 March
Easter break 2024	Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April
Summer term 2024	Starts: Monday 15 April Half term: Monday 27 to Friday 31 May Ends: Tuesday 23 July

Inset Dates (Staff Training Days)

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Friday 9th February 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024

Local Paper Photos



Our Reception Teachers will be taking photos of their new classes very soon, to send to the local paper, which is running their annual feature on children starting school. **If you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken, please let Mrs Porter in the office know as soon as possible.**

Parent Consultation Meetings

A letter will be going out later this month regarding the arrangements for this term's parent consultations.

Welcome Wednesdays

As part of our school improvement work to further strengthen parent/carers relationships and engagement, we are introducing a new initiative this year, called Welcome Wednesday. Each half term, we will open our doors just before the end of the school day on a Wednesday, for parents/carers to come into classrooms, sit with their children and look at their work with them. We realise not every parent can come every time, but that is fine - there will always be other adults around to look at work with children if you can't make it.

We recognise that for some of you, 2.30pm on a Wednesday is never going to be 'do-able' due to work commitments, so if you can't make it but want to come in, please talk to your child's teacher and they can arrange an after school slot to suit you.

Please look on the dates list for details of when this will take place.

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 3rd October from 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. in the school hall. We do hope you will be able to join us to find out more about the work of the PTA and how you can be involved.

Individual Photos - Wednesday 27th September

A photographer is coming on this day to take individual photos of the children - please

remember to send them in wearing their school jumper or cardigan!

Introduction to learning in Reception Years 1 & 2

We will shortly be sending letters home from the teachers about the curriculum your children will be following this term.

Before/After School Clubs

All our before and after school clubs have now started for Years 1 and 2. We hope to offer up the clubs to Reception children after Christmas.

In the meantime, may we remind parents that we are also able to offer one-to-one music lessons in school with Inclusive Music and Movement; details as follows: -

♪ Instrumental and Vocal lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement ♪

Inclusive Music and Movement (IMM) provides opportunities for children and adults to receive music tuition, ensuring a unique and tailored learning experience for every student. As many of you will already be aware, engaging with music and learning an instrument have numerous benefits, not only educationally but physically, socially and personally too.

We are so pleased to be working alongside Rose Green Infant School providing paired and 1:1 lessons. Currently we offer the following lessons at your school: guitar, piano/keyboard and ukulele. Our team are also able to offer a range of other instruments - please enquire for availability.

If you are interested in lessons, we would love to hear from you. Lessons are taught on either an individual basis or in a pair where numbers allow and are charged at £17 and £11.50 respectively, per 30 minutes. Flexible payment options are offered. Please use the sign-up form on our website to register your interest: <https://inclusivemusicandmovement.weebly.com/sign-up-or-contact-us.html>

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow

Event	Date	Time
Individual school photos	Wednesday 27 th September	all morning
PTA AGM - Everyone welcome	Tuesday 3 rd October	7 - 8:00 pm
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 16 th October (more details to follow) and w/c 30 th October	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 18 th October	2.30 pm
Half term	23 rd - 27 th October	
Inset Day	Monday 30 th October	
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Monday 6 th November	
Junior School Open Evening (for Year 2 parents)	Wednesday 8 th November	5.00 pm
Science Week	w/c 13 th November	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 17 th November	all day
PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 1 st December	5.00 -7.00 pm
Christmas Shop	tbc	
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents	Wednesday 6 th December	2.15 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 7 th December	9.00 am
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents	Tuesday 12 th December	2.15 pm
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Wednesday 13 th December	9.00 am
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 13 th December	2.30 pm
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 13 th December	
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 13 th December	
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents	Thursday 14 th December	2.15 pm
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents	Friday 15 th December	9.00 am
Christmas holidays	18 th December - 1 st January	
Inset Day	Tuesday 2 nd January	
Start of Spring Term	Wednesday 3 rd January	
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 5 th February and 19 th February (more details to follow)	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 7 th February	
Inset Day	Friday 9 th February	
Half Term	12 th - 16 th February	
Maths Week	w/c 11 th March	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 27 th March	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	29 th March - 12 th April	
Start of Summer Term	Monday 15 th April	
Creative Week	w/c 29 th April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May	
Class Photos	Wednesday 15 th May	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 15 th May	
Walk to School Week	w/c 20 th May	
Reception Sports Morning	Monday 20 th May followed by picnic lunch	10.30 am
Year 2 Sports Morning	Wednesday 22 nd May followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Year 1 Sports Morning	Thursday 23 rd May followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Half Term	27 th - 31 st May	

Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 10 th June	
Sports Week	w/c 17 th June	
Reserve Reception Sports Morning	Monday 24 th June followed by picnic lunch	10.30 am
Reserve Year 1 Sports Morning	Thursday 27 th June followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Reserve Year 2 Sports Morning	Friday 28 th June followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Transition Day	Wednesday 3 rd July	All day
Summer Fair	tbc	
School Reports to go home	Friday 5 th July	
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 10 th July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 17 th July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 18 th July	9.00 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 18 th July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 19 th July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 23 rd July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 23 rd July	

PARENTS & GUARDIANS

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR SCHOOL'S FUNDING?

WHAT IS CENSUS DAY?

Census Day is an important day in the Primary School calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives.

Put simply, the more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding your school can access.



WHEN IS IT?
5TH OCTOBER
2023

**WHEN DO I
NEED TO
BOOK?**

**BEFORE THE
21ST SEPTEMBER**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO GROW OUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING... HERE'S HOW!

Make sure you book a meal for the day! Use your ParentPay login and order a meal for the 5th October 2023, whichever meal your child would prefer. Please note the dessert for this day will be a chocolate brownie, to make it extra special! If your child has a special diet, please be assured that their usual menu will remain in place.

