

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had such a lovely two weeks being back at school with all our lovely children. They have all settled so well into their learning environments, engaged with enthusiasm in their learning and all that school encompasses.

We have all been focusing on establishing routines and expectations for the children to ensure they are all safe, respected, are able to learn and are most importantly happy.

WELCOME MEETINGS Year 1 and Year 2 have had their Welcome meetings already, which is such an important opportunity to meet your child's teachers and receive lots of information, which we hope you will find helpful. A reminder that Receptions Welcome meeting is on Thursday 21st September at 2.30.

The slides the teachers prepared for these meetings will be put on the school website in the parents section for your information. Our updated "Home School Agreement" was given out at the welcome meetings. If you were/are unable to attend, there are paper copies in the office so please do collect one.

MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING As you know, we are dedicated to our inclusive and diverse community and extremely proud of our whole community and the richness it brings us all. We focus on well being because in order to thrive and flourish we need to be secure, safe and happy. Within the classrooms, we have our Worry Boxes where the children can draw or write any worry they may have if they are not quite ready to talk about it. We also have our Kindness Jars to highlight and celebrate any acts of kindness - the days are packed with them. We always wish to focus on Gratitude and Kindness alongside all our Values.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

We have had several year group assemblies already and our first Achievement Assembly yesterday. As you are aware, we have Whole School Achievement Assembly every other Thursday where we celebrate all sorts of achievements. There are certificates awarded by the teachers and these are for a whole variety of reasons. Examples are for friendship shown, for super learning behaviours, for overcoming a challenge and success in any area of school life. We also have our rainbow pencils awarded for improving presentation, STEP badges for consistent politeness (STEP -Say Thank you, Excuse me and Please). Then there are our Heart of the Community badges awarded for any acts of responsible citizenship or kindness outside school. Examples of these may be litter picking, looking out for an elderly or vulnerable neighbour and baking cake for someone who is poorly. What we ask is that you write me a letter via the office explaining the kind act/deed perhaps with a picture and then we award the child with their HOC badge.

HARVEST ASSEMBLIES

Our Harvest Assemblies are on Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 4th October at 9.10am in the school hall. You are all welcome to attend. The assemblies will last approximately 20 minutes. There are two performances in order that we can accommodate all families. Caterpillars and Butterflies parents are invited on Tuesday 3rd October and Poppies, Sunflowers and Dragonflies parents are invited on Wednesday 4th October.

The assembly is not only a celebration of the important time of the harvest but also plays a role in helping replenish food bank supplies. We will let you know when to bring any kind donations once we have confirmation from Runnymede Foodbank





PAINT THE ROCK COMPETIION This week the FOTG awarded the children with certificates and prizes for the winning entries in the "Painting a rock" competition. Between the FOTG and Mrs Bond we now have beautiful painted rocks in our stunning new flower pots by the front door. I am sure you will agree they really cheer up the front of our school looking beautiful and being created by the children too. Well done to all who participated - you really have made a difference. Thank you so much to the FOTG for organising, judging the competition and creating yet another special opportunity for our children.







PARENT INTEVIEWS

The dates for these are Tuesday 10th October and Thursday 12th October between 3.20pm and 6pm.

The lists for you to sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher will be on the classroom doors on Monday 2nd October. This will be an opportunity for you to hear how your child has settled back into school in their new class and how they are getting on with their learning across the whole curriculum as well as to celebrate all their achievements in all aspects of school life. These appointments will be in person.

SHARING LEARNING

There will be an opportunity for the children to show you all their learning in books and folders on Thursday 14th December at 2.30 so please save the date for your diaries. More details will follow nearer the time.

PARKING/ DRIVING

I was hoping to have a letter free from this reminder. However, we are already having trouble especially with parents/carers being blocked in by other parents/carers, which this morning caused particular difficulties. Please park and drive sensibly - we all dread an accident occurring and from what we see this is a possibility. Please report any/all incidents through this link. The police services have requested this - the more reported incidents there are the more likely we will receive police visits to assist.

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-andtransport/roadworks-and-maintenance/report-a-highwayproblem/parking





ATTENDANCE

We have good attendance at our school which we value greatly. It is so important that your children attend school consistently in order that they do not miss all the wonderful learning opportunities that we provide.

If your child is poorly we require that you let us know either via Studybugs, email or telephone by 9.30 on that morning. We have a 48 hour rule of non-attendance after sickness or diarrhoea. If you planning any absences in advance, please fill in the Leave of Absence form that can be found on our website and is also available in the office.

Surrey County Inclusion Officer monitors both attendance and lateness on a half termly basis.

You can find our Attendance Policy on the website and we will also be emailing you the summary of the Policy and an expectation letter shortly.

ATTENDANCE PENALTY NOTICES Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not need to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.





PUPIL PREMIUM

The school is eligible to receive additional funding, called the Pupil Premium grant, based upon parents/carers who meet the criteria as detailed below. This additional funding can have a real impact on your child through additional support and resources in class and in addition, each child is also eligible for one or two free after school clubs, school trips and swimming lessons.

Does either parent receive any of the following:

- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Income Support
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more then £7,400
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, but only if they are not also getting Working Tax Credit (WTC) and their income is below a certain amount
- The Working Tax Credit 'run on' the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Are either or both parents members of HM Armed Forces? Has your child been adopted (e.g. from Local Authority Care)? Has your child been looked after by Social Care for at least 1 day?

If you think you qualify and have not already let us know please speak to Mrs Sterling in the school office as soon as possible. All replies are treated in strict confidence.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME
AUTUMN TERM 2023		
HALF TERM	Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October	
AUTUMN TERM ENDS	Friday 15 December	1.15 pm
SPRING TERM 2024		
INSET DAY (School closed)	Tuesday 2 January	
SCHOOL STARTS	Wednesday 3 January	9.00 am
HALF TERM	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February	
SPRING TERM ENDS	Thursday 28 March	1.15 pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April	
SUMMER TERM 2024		
INSET DAY (School closed)	Monday 15 April	
SCHOOL STARTS	Tuesday 16 April	9.00 am
BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)	Monday 6 May	
INSET DAY (School closed)	Friday 24 May	
HALF TERM	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	
SCHOOL STARTS	Monday 3 June	9.00 am
SUMMER TERM ENDS	Tuesday 23 July	1.15 pm





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AUTUMN TERM 2023		
Welcome Meeting - RECEPTION	Thursday 21 September	2:30 PM
RECEPTION Parents - Reading Meeting	Tuesday 26 September	9:10 AM
Christmas Card making	Thursday 28 & Friday 29 September (deadline for orders Fri 6 October)	
Nasal Flu Vaccine	Friday 29 September	
Harvest Celebration - RECEPTION & Y2 (for parents of Reception and Butterflies	Tuesday 3 October	9:10 AM
Harvest Celebration - Y1 & Y2 (for parents of Y1 and Dragonflies only)	Wednesday 4 October	9:10 AM
School Individual Photographs	Wednesday 4 October	
Bags2School	Thursday 5 October	
Parent Interviews - All Years	Tuesday 10 October Thursday 12 October	3:20 - 6:00 PM
Book Week	Week Beginning 16 October	
HALF TERM	Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October	
Remembrance Assembly (no parents)	Friday 10 November	
Remembrance Assembly (no parents)	Monday 4 December	
Christmas Play - YEAR 2	Monday 11 December	9:20 AM
Christmas Play - YEAR 2	Tuesday 12 December	9:20 AM
Christmas Play - YEAR 1	Tuesday 12 December	10:15 AM
Christmas Play - YEAR 1	Wednesday 13 December	9:20 AM
Christmas Play - RECEPTION	Wednesday 13 December	10:15 AM
Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day	Thursday 14 December	
Learning sharing for parents -	Thursday 14 December	2:30 PM
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