



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year! What a busy summer we have had and what wonderful changes have taken place. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are now keen to help your child settle back into school life quickly and effortlessly. All the staff are looking forward to getting the new year underway and of course KS2 are delighted to finally be in their new classrooms and FS and KS1 are pleased with the remodelling of their existing classrooms. We again welcome our new members of staff; Mrs Hebert, Miss Gardner (both KS2) and Miss Read, Miss Fowkes and Mrs Wheaton (all based in FS/KS1).

Work will still be continuing in school on our new purpose built kitchens, Head Teacher's office, school offices and main entrance, so please bear with us over the next few months. Demolition work is still taking place so please make sure you and your child do not enter the cones in front of the old building.

Changes and safety

A lot of work has taken place and many changes too. Much of which you are aware of but there will still be some minor disruptions until the work is completed at Christmas. However, we are still well on our way to having an even better school. Please make sure you take notice of the cones and warning signs around the building to ensure the safety of you and your child.

Summer School

A big thank you to Mrs Bensley, Miss Mckee and Mr Lord (Educational Consultant) for running this summer school for some of our Year 5 children. The four days were a great success both academically and socially. During the mornings the children concentrated on mathematical and English sessions and the afternoons were able to enjoy practical fun activities.

Before.....and after! All in one day!



A well done and thank you to all staff for transforming the hall from this....

....to this! We only took possession of the building on Thursday and it has been a mighty effort.



Staff Babies

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Miss Bryan had a baby girl over the summer, Eva-Rose. Both mother and baby are doing very well. We still await news of Mrs Wilson's twins and expect their arrival in the next few days! Fingers crossed for them.

IMPORTANT— PUPIL INFORMATION FORMS (orange)

You will appreciate that we need to keep our records up to date in order that we can contact you in any emergency. Please return these without delay reaffirming or amending your consents. Also, as some of you will be aware, we now operate a Call Parents system in school. This allows us to send e-mails or texts direct to parents' home computers/mobile phones. Please ensure you provide us with your latest e-mail address/mobile phone number and always inform us of any changes.

Start of Day Procedures

The arrangements welcoming children into school from 8.50am will continue this term. Entry to the school for all children is now from Huntingtower Road. Please ensure that children do not get to school before that time as there is no one to supervise them. Thank you for your co-operation.

Staff will be around to greet your child so please use this opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about any concerns. Please ensure your children get to school after 8.50am but before 9.00am.

Important Reminder!

All children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during morning break. As a "Healthy School", we suggest fruit, vegetables (cut into sticks) or perhaps fruit breads or cereal bars. **Children who have hot school lunches should also remember to bring a mid-morning snack.**

Free school fruit for all children is available and eaten daily during the day. KS1 children eat theirs in the afternoon.

Important notice for hot school meals

Orders for hot meals **must** be in by the end of Tuesday September 6th 2011 or we will not be able to process them.

Ragtex

Our next Ragtex Textile Recycling collection will be on Thursday 15th September. Please save all your old clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains and soft toys and bring them to school on the 15th.

Mobile Phones

Again, I would ask that children do not bring mobile phones to school. We cannot take responsibility for these if left in the School Office. However, we do appreciate there are exceptional circumstances and, therefore, we ask for a letter to be written to me asking for permission.

Curriculum Letters

Letters outlining what your child will be doing this term will be out next week. Please spend a few moments to read them to see how you can support their learning.

Helpers in School

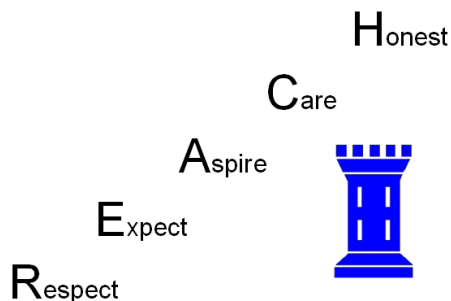
We welcome family members into school to help in the classrooms listening to readers or helping with activities. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to come in to help. CRB clearance would need to be obtained and a form is available from the School Office.

Red Calendar

There will shortly be a copy of our red calendar detailing all dates and activities so far agreed for this academic year. Please keep it in a safe place to refer to throughout the coming months.

School Photographer
Break up for half term
Return to school

Wed 28th Sept
Wed 19th October
Mon 31st October



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