



Thursday 19th April 2018

Term Dates 2017-2018

4 Sep - 20 Oct
30 Oct - 19 Dec
2 Jan - 16 Feb
26 Feb - 23 Mar
9 Apr - 25 May
4 Jun - 20 Jul

INSET DAYS

4.9.17
30.10.17
2.1.18
9.4.18
20.7.18

Public Holiday

May Day - Monday 7th May

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Newsletter

"We care about each other"

Sports Relief

Huge thanks for all your support last term with Sports Relief. This year we raised £61.

Sun cream

As summer approaches, we are looking forward to some long awaited warm weather. Sun hats and sun cream are essential to protect our children against sun burn. We would like all of our children to bring a bottle of sun cream in their bag to apply themselves on sunny days and a sun hat. Sun glasses are also permitted if appropriate (i.e. for those children who suffer from hay fever).

Mrs Chapman

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Chapman will be returning from her maternity leave after half term. She will be teaching in class 1 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Miss Furness will continue to teach on Thursdays and Fridays.

Attendance

As you will have seen from our recent Ofsted report, attendance is an ongoing concern at our school. This year's attendance is particularly low. At the end of the spring term, the whole school attendance was 91.17%. The National Average is 96.1%. Also causing concern is that there are only 19 children whose attendance is currently above 96%. I have therefore decided to send home attendance records every term so that parents remain fully informed of the current attendance. I urge parents to look carefully at these records and thank you in advance for your support in improving this very concerning situation.

Medicines

In order to assist our children in returning quickly to school after illness, I would like to remind parents that school are prepared to administer prescription medicines. Parents should complete a form in the office and inform the class teacher. We are, however, unable to administer non-prescription medicines.

Toddler sessions

Our next parent and toddler session will be on 18.5.18 from 10am to 11am. Parents of younger children are welcome to stay and play with our reception and year 1 children in the hall.

Film Ratings

We have had a number of parents raise concerns recently about films children are watching outside school and as part of our role in helping children and adults to stay safe, we felt we should share some information about film ratings.

The BBFC currently issues the following certificates to films/DVDs. The current category symbols were introduced on 1 January 2003, replacing the previous ones that had been in place since the 1980s.

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There is almost nothing unsuitable for children aged 4 years and over

PG

Suitable for all, but some certain scenes can be unsuitable for young children. They should not disturb children aged 8 or older. May contain mild language (frequent/aggressive use may result in the work being passed at a higher category) or sex/drug references. May contain moderate violence if justified by context (e.g. fantasy). A parent may wish to check the content before they let their children watch or play it.

12A

This category applies to cinema only releases since 2002. Films under this category can contain mature themes, discrimination, soft drugs, moderate language, moderate violence, sex references and nudity. Sexual activity may be briefly and discreetly portrayed. Use of strong language may be permitted based on frequency and how they are used, as well as contextual justification. Sexual violence may be implied or briefly indicated.

15

Suitable only for people aged 15 and older. No one younger than 15 may see a 15 film in a cinema. It is illegal to supply a video work with a 15 certificate to anyone under that age.

Films under this category can contain adult themes, hard drugs, (frequent) strong language, strong violence and strong sex references, and nudity without graphic detail. Sexual activity may be portrayed but without any strong detail. Sexual violence may be shown if discreet and justified by context. Use of very strong language may be permitted based on frequency and how they are used, as well as contextual justification.

Diary Dates

(For a complete and up-to-date list of events please check the calendar section of the website)

19.4.18 - Cross Country event (Juniors)
24.4.18 - Junior swimming lessons resume
27.4.18 - Parents reading information morning
27.4.18 - Swimming Gala
30.4.18 - Infant trip to Peak Wildlife Park
7.5.18 - May Day
14.5.18 - 17.5.18 Year 6 SATS week

18.5.18 - Parent and Toddler session (10-11)
21.5.18-22.5.18 - Year 6 Bikeability
23.5.18 - sports afternoon
24.5.18 - Bunting Cup
25.5.18 - Break up for half term
4.6.18 - return to school
20.6.18 - 22.6.18 - Year 5 and 6 Lea Green residential
24.6.18 - PFA Summer Fair
19.7.18 - 9:30 Leavers service and presentation
20.7.18 - INSET day