



Thursday 9th February 2017

Term Dates 2016-2017

5 Sep- 21 Oct
31 Oct - 20 Dec
3 Jan - 10 Feb
20 Feb - 7 Apr
24 Apr - 26 May
5 Jun - 21 Jul

INSET DAYS

5.9.16
21.10.16
3.1.17
20.2.17
5.6.17

Public Holiday

May Day - Monday 1st May

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Newsletter

"We care about each other"

Christingle

Thank you to those parents and children who joined us on Sunday for the Christingle service. We are very proud of the children for helping with prayers, reading and drama.

Parking

Please could I remind parents to park considerately when dropping off and picking up from school.

Attendance

I am pleased to report that our overall school attendance has improved this half term. Many thanks to those families who get their children to school regularly and on time.

Reading Information Evening - 8th March

During next half term we will continue to focus on improving reading in school. Many of our children are showing accelerated reading progress and an enthusiasm for reading. In order to support our children with their home reading we will be holding an information evening for parents from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesday 8th March. This will include:

- an explanation of the way we teach reading in school from Reception to Y6.
- opportunities to see reading activities in class.
- an explanation of the reading scheme.
- ways to support children's reading at home.

Drinking Bottles

As you will be aware we provide all children with a drinking bottle for use in the classroom in order to avoid dehydration. If you would like your child to have a replacement bottle these are available from school at a cost of £1.40 each.

Instrument Lessons

I have been approached by parents who are interested in instrumental lessons. Currently we have: Mr Lee (drums) and Mr Ibbotson (piano and guitar). If your child(ren) would like lessons, please ask in the school office for a letter.

Explorers

We have been asked by the Explorers' committee to inform parents that they will be extending their sessions after half term. From Tuesday 28th February, Explorers will open 4 days each week (Monday, **Tuesday**, Wednesday and Friday). Please speak to Rebekah, Paula or a member of school staff, or sign in on the booking sheet, if you would like to use the Tuesday sessions.

E-Safety

We would like to express our thanks to Dawn Monk for her informative e-safety briefing this morning. Please check our school website for more information. This now includes a very informative monthly update for staff and parents by DITTO.

Parents can also find a 'parental controls' guidance booklet with information about applying and changing the parental control settings for internet access, gaming and social media platforms. I would advise parents to take a look at this and spend some time reviewing the safety settings at home. Please speak to school staff if you would like any help with this.

INSET

Reminder that Monday 20th February is an INSET day. Children return to school on Tuesday 21st February.

PFA

Thank you to the PFA for a very productive meeting last night. The PFA will be running an Easter Egg Hunt on the school grounds again this year; including Easter crafts, Easter bonnet competition, face painting, refreshments, biscuit decorating and a raffle. This will take place on Saturday 8th April from 10am-12pm. Tickets will cost £3.

The next PFA meeting is 15th March at 7:30pm.

Diary Dates

10.2.17 - Class 2 to lead collective worship

10.2.17 Break up for half term

20.2.17 - INSET day

21.2.17 - Children return to school

2.3.17 - World Book day (This year we will be asking children to produce some work at home based on their favourite book)

2.3.17 - 2:30pm reading assembly to celebrate world book day

3.3.17 - No family worship

8.3.17 - Reading information evening for parents 6pm - 7pm

15.3.17 - PFA meeting

5.4.17 and 6.4.17 - Parents' evenings

7.4.17 - Easter service and Easter Egg hunt

8.4.17 - Easter Egg Hunt -PFA event

Summer Term

Throughout May - Year 2 SATs tests

Week beginning 8.5.17- Year 6 SATs week

Week beginning 12.6.17 - Year 1 phonics screen check