



Thursday 15th February 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"

Balanceability

This year we organised sessions for our Reception and Year 1 children to take part in Balanceability. These sessions were run by the same team as the Year 6 Bikeability



summer

programme. It has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop balance and co-ordination; and have fun!

World Book Day

We are planning an exciting day of activities for world book day (1.3.18). Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book (children who choose not to dress up should wear their school uniform).

After the success of our 'Cake and Calculations' morning, we have decided to hold a reading morning on Friday 2nd March. There will be a short talk in the hall at 8:45 to share with parents ways we teach reading and discuss how parents can help; over a drink and cake. From 9:00-9:30 parents will be welcome to visit classrooms and see groups of children taking part in a variety of reading activities. If you would like to attend this event, please complete the attached slip.

E-safety

We recently talked to our children in the 'student voice' session about E-safety and we became aware that a few of our children are playing games with an '18' certificate.

I would like to remind parents of the PEGI certificates for games:



PEGI stands for Pan European Game Information and is the current rating system used for games sold in the UK.

While PEGI 3 and 7 ratings are not legally binding, PEGI 12, 16 and 18 are, so it is illegal to sell a game with one of those ratings to someone younger than that age.

PEGI ratings are displayed on games bought for consoles and on apps sold on the Google Play store. In addition to the age, PEGI also employs a system which displays the kind of content which will have been responsible for the rating. **The age rating does not take into account the difficulty level or skill required to play a game.**

PEGI 3 - The content of games given this rating is considered suitable for all age groups. Some violence in a comical context is acceptable but the child should not be able to associate the character on the screen with real life characters. The game should not contain any sounds or pictures that are likely to scare or frighten young children. No bad language should be heard.

PEGI 7 - Any game that would normally be rated at 3 but contains some possibly frightening scenes or sounds may be considered suitable in this category.

PEGI 12 - Videogames that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards a fantasy character and/or non graphic violence towards human-looking characters or recognisable animals, as well as videogames that show nudity of a slightly more graphic nature would fall into this age category. Any bad language in this category must be mild and fall short of sexual expletives.

PEGI 16 - This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. More extreme bad language, the concept of the use of tobacco and drugs and the depiction of criminal activities can be in the content of games that are rated 16.

PEGI 18 - The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence and/or includes elements of specific types of violence. Gross violence is the most difficult to define since it can be very subjective in many cases, but in general terms it can be classed as the depictions of violence that would make the viewer feel a sense of revulsion.

Cross Country

We had planned a very exciting sporting day for our juniors today involving cross country, cricket and activities in the hall. We were due to be joined by children from Peak Dale, Peak Forest, Dove Holes and Earl Sterndale.

Unfortunately, due to the recent snow and icy weather we have had to postpone the Junior Cross Country event until the 19th April.

Parking around school

I would like to thank parents for their considerate parking around school. Unfortunately, however, there have been a few incidents this half term; one of which led to two cars bumping. Luckily there were no injuries. I would like to remind parents that they do not need to wait with children once they are in school. There is staff supervision from 8:35 and children can be left to play before school. I hope that this will stagger cars parking and enable us to avoid another incident.

Diary Dates

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

- 16.2.18 - Break up for February half term
- 1.3.18 - World Book Day
- 2.3.18 - Reading information morning for parents
- 8.3.18 - International women's day
- 15.3.18 - India afternoon
- 20.3.18 - Parents' Evening (3:20-6:00)
- 21.3.18 - Parents' Evening (6:00 - 8:00)
- 23.3.18 - Easter Service (9:30)
- 23.3.18 - Egg Rolling pm
- 23.3.18 - Break up for Easter
- 9.4.18 - INSET day
- 10.4.18 - children return to school
- 19.4.18 - New Cross Country event date

We will be attending the Reading Information Morning on **Friday 2nd March**

Signed: _____

