



Thursday 12th January 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"

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

Reading Journals

Our new reading journals continue to be used well by our children and by parents. Thank you to all those adults who regularly write in the their child(ren)'s journals. Please can I remind parents and carers, however, that we cannot guarantee that your child's journal will be looked at every day and that important messages should be passed directly to the class teacher.

Reading for Pleasure

Our whole school focus this term is on developing reading. We have introduced a daily silent reading session in addition to our regular guided reading and daily English lessons.

We are also planning a reading week at the beginning of March to tie in with World Book Day (more information to follow).

In addition your child should read at home each day and a note made of this in their home reading journal. If your child is in the junior classes and a fluent reader, it is still important to listen to them regularly, and ask them questions about their reading. We will be holding a parents' reading information evening on 8th March to provide more guidance to reading at home.

Book at Bedtime

A reminder for those families who haven't yet returned their 'Book at Bedtime' letters that we need these back as soon as possible.

KS1 and KS2 SATs tests

Parents of children in year 2 and 6 should find attached information about the new style SATs tests for May this year. This information is also available on the school website.

There is also a link to the videos produced by Michael Tidd with kind permission to share with parents.

<https://michaelt1979.wordpress.com/2017/01/07/national-curriculum-test-videos/>

Snow Procedure

Just a reminder that, should the weather turn snowy and we make the decision to close the school, we will text parents as early as possible on the day and add a notice to the school website.

Uniform Policy

Our School Governors have agreed a new uniform policy which is attached. The main information to pass on to parents and carers is that we will be phasing out the red and royal blue sweaters and cardigans. We still have some stock of red and royal blue but will only be re-stocking navy from now onwards and will only be selling navy blue from September.

We appreciate that it will be some time before all our children are wearing navy uniform and still support parents who wish to re-use and recycle old uniform regardless of the colour.

E-Safety Meeting

We will be hosting a parents' information meeting on Wednesday 9th February at 9:00 by Dawn Monk from Derbyshire's 'Healthy School Communities' Team. Please complete the attached slip if you would like to reserve a place.

Parent view

We would also like to remind parents that you can leave feedback about the school on OFSTED's Parent view.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Stomach Bugs

The guidance from the NHS is that children should remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Diary Dates

17.1.17 - Book at Bedtime 6pm-7pm

1.2.17 - Class 1 to lead collective worship

3.2.17 - Class 3 to lead collective worship

9.2.17 - E-safety information meeting for parents 9:00-10:00 (tea and coffee provided from 8:35).

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

5.4.17 and 6.4.17 - Parents' evenings

7.4.17 - Easter service and Easter Egg hunt

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