



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> May

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# Newsletter

*"We care about each other"*

### **Macmillan Tea Party**

Many thanks to the many parents who attended and supported last week's tea party. The children were very proud of themselves, serving tea and coffee. We also managed to raise during the afternoon and through the cake sale.

### **Free School Meals**

I would like to remind parents about Free School Meals. All families who feel that their income allow them to qualify for Free School Meals are encouraged to apply online. All children who qualify for Free School Meals also qualify for additional school funding for 6 years. Currently this stands at an extra £1200 per year in the school budget and can make a huge difference to our children.

### **Milk**

If your child is over 5 and you would like them to receive milk in school, please ask at the office for information about how to register online.

### **Parent View**

This is the OFSTED questionnaire for parents. I would like to remind parents that this can be filled in by **each** parent and needs to be completed every year. We have 9 responses at the moment and need at least 10 to be able to see and use these comments.

### **PFA**

Already this year our PFA have agreed to buy 3 ipads and to pay again to subscribe to the online teaching resource "twinkl". Staff and children would like to say an enormous thank you for the continued support of the PFA again this year.

## Harvest

We will be attending church tomorrow for our school harvest and will be walking together from school. Any parents who are available in the afternoon to walk down with us would be very welcome. We plan to leave school at around 1:50.

## Safeguarding

Last week, our children were thinking about 'e-safety' in one collective worship session. We learnt about: the CEOP button and what it does; staying SMART online (**S**afe, not **M**eeting strangers, not **A**ccepting files and software online, thinking about how **R**eliable a site or person is and **T**elling adults if there is something they don't like). Please help us to reinforce the message with our junior children, to stay safe online by asking your child what they learnt about e-safety.

## Assessment Events

Following the success of last year's assessment information events, we are repeating these this year. These will be particularly interesting to parents with children in years 2 and 6. Each event will take place during the school day and be repeated with an evening event (no need to come to both - they will be identical).

Year 6 meeting - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30  
(repeated Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm)

Year 2 meeting - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6:30  
(repeated Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm)

## Diary Dates

5.10.16 - Open Afternoon  
6.10.16 - National Poetry Day  
6.10.16 - PFA fashion show  
7.10.16 - School Harvest festival in Church 2:15  
9.10.16 - Church Harvest festival  
10.10.16 - 2pm Sale of Harvest Produce  
14.10.16 - Class 2 leading collective worship  
2:30  
20.10.16 - School Photos (8:30 onwards)  
21.10.16 - INSET day

## Half Term

2.11.16 and 3.11.16 parents' evenings (more information to follow)  
11.11.16 - Class 1 leading collective worship  
14.11.16 - 18.11.16 - Anti-Bullying week  
2.12.16 - Advent Story Telling day  
15.12.16 - 2pm and 6:30pm - Christmas play  
16.12.16 - Christmas craft day and Christmas lunch  
19.12.16 - Children's Christmas party  
20.12.16 - 2:15 Christmas service in Church