



Thursday 14th September 2017

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

TADDINGTON and PRIESTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

"We care about each other"

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of another school year. Our children have made a fantastic start and we are especially proud of the 9 new reception children who have joined us. We welcome these children and their families into our school community.

Clubs

Please look carefully at the clubs letter given to **juniors** today. We request that children try to make sure they attend at least one of our clubs. I would like to point out that there are a few changes to some of the clubs and as well as some new clubs this year.

School Fund

School fund is used each year to pay for trips, visits and visitors and ensures that we do not need to ask for contributions each time we take our children out. Our junior children also receive a piece of fruit each day. Therefore we ask parents to contribute £1 per week (or £7 for this half term/ £14 for the whole Autumn term).

School Dinners

Just to remind parents that school dinners for junior children are £2 per day (£10 a week or £68 for this half term).

Coats

Although the weather is still mild we do expect that children have a waterproof coat in school each day as we will be going outside to play whenever possible.

Open Afternoon

This year we are again opening the school for the afternoon for new and existing parents to see us at work. Refreshments will be provided. This will take place this term on Tuesday 3rd October between 1:15 and 2:45.

Community Lunches

Now that our hall is repaired we look forward to resuming our Wednesday community lunches **after half term**. We would like to extend an invitation to our school community. If you would like to join us for lunch on Wednesday's please book a lunch at the school office (cost: £2.82).

Parent View

Please remember that parents' views are collected annually by OFSTED on their website. If you haven't submitted your views in the last 12 months, then it's time to do it again.

Absence

We have received new guidance from Derbyshire County Council and I would like to remind parents of the position regarding leave of absence during school time:

"In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996."

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For non-urgent communication only:

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Class teachers can be contacted via the school office email.

Chair of governors: Jill Skidmore can be contacted via the school office email or in writing at the school address.

Diary Dates

29.9.17 MacMillan Coffee afternoon 2:00 (followed by collective worship)

3.10.17 - Open Afternoon 1:12-2:45

6.10.17 - Class 3 to lead collective worship (2:30)

13.10.17 - Class 1 to lead collective worship (2:30)

16.10.17 - Class 2 to lead Harvest celebration (soup and sandwiches) from 1:30 onwards

18.10.17 and 19.10.17 - Parents' evenings (more details to follow)

30.10.17 - INSET day (children not in school)

8.11.17 - Flu vaccines for Rec to year 4 children

10.11.17 - School remembrance worship (2:30)

1.12.17 - Advent story telling day

13.12.17 - Christmas production (pm and evening) - to be led by infant children

14.12.17 - Christmas dinner

15.12.17 - Christmas party

18.12.17 - Christmas craft day

19.12.17 - Christmas carol service (2:15)