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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER

Dear Parent / Carers



A very big welcome back to school to all our pupils and their families. We extend a special welcome to our new pupils both starting in the Reception class and to the several new pupils in other year groups throughout the school. Thank you to parents/carers for your support in sending the children back looking so smart in their school uniforms, sensible shoes and with their PE kit, book bags and water bottles-a great start to the new year.

Wednesday is

meet the teacher

The staff will hold one meeting at 3.30pm and a second meeting at 4pm. If you have more than two children and haven't worked with a particular teacher before please feel free to ask for an additional time slot at a mutually convenient time.

For the new children in Year R we will be holding a separate meeting details of which will come home with your child. (Year 6 had their meeting last week)

Help Needed!



Is there anyone who can spare an afternoon to do some gardening?

Miss Down would appreciate some help sorting out the vegetable and fruit garden in the infant play area. Over the next few weeks we could also do with some help in re-painting or varnishing the train and the benches- any offers gratefully received.

Please speak to Mrs Dowding / Miss Down or give your name into the office



Important Notice!

If you are in receipt of benefits you may be entitled to free school meals and free school milk. For any child in receipt of Free School Meals we receive additional funding from the Government called Pupil Premium. This helps us to maintain the high level of adult: pupil ratio as well as other benefits and provision for these children. If your child has just moved into Year 3 or your circumstances have changed and you think you may qualify, please can you apply. Even if your child doesn't have school dinners you can still apply. Applying is easy and can be done online. The link can be downloaded off our website under **Parents / School Dinners**. If you don't have access to the internet then please see Mrs Guy or Mrs Matthews in the office, who will be able to give you a form to complete. All infant children receive Universal Infant Free School Meals but will still need to apply to enable us to the receive extra funding if you think you may qualify.



HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

We have discovered that a significant number of children can't tell the time using an analogue clock so we have put in place an initiative to encourage them based on Dr Who- The Time Lord. Each re-incarnation of The Doctor represents a step in a journey to proficiency in telling

the time from 'o'clock' to using bus and train timetables. The class teachers from Year 1

upwards will assess the children's ability to tell the time and then allocate them to a Time Lord and let them know what they have to work on to progress to the next Time Lord. This will be sent home so that they can practise regularly with you until they are ready to be assessed on the next level. This is a long term project so moving up two or three levels across the year would be considered very good progress.

With Christmas on the horizon an analogue watch with a clear face would make a super present.



Please can we ask that all children regardless of age or ability practise reading at home out loud at least three times a week as this will increase their reading age and ability. It is also important that children read a wide range of books, magazines and newspapers to broaden their reading experience and that they are able to discuss their reading to improve their comprehension levels significantly.

All the pupils will be learning their number bonds and multiplication tables and will bring home either a rhyme (number bonds) or a times tables sheet to practise.



CATCH UP!

From the end of the Summer Term



At the end of year service awards were presented to Year 6 children as follows:

ACHIEVE:

Rhys Webb for the highest overall SATs results and Rosie Graham for her determination to overcome a spelling difficulty and achieve the required standard in her writing.

BELIEVE:

Callum Read for over-coming difficulties to act and sing to such a high standard in the school production and Verity Townsend for gaining in such confidence to be able to sing a solo in the summer production.

CONTRIBUTE:

Daisy-Mai Hemms for her sunny attitude, willingness to help, sensible behaviour and her work with her buddy and other young children and to Ben Didcote for his contribution to sport with a competitive but sporting attitude.

THE FOUNDERS' CUP – THE WILLIAM LANE TROPHY:

Given to two pupils showing the most effort to keep the school's Golden Rule - To love God and love your neighbour as yourself - was awarded to Hanna Deering and Fletcher Walby- two excellent role models who worked especially hard at friendships and acted as superb role models for all pupils in the respectful way they conducted themselves around school.

On sports day the Victor Ludorum was won by Fletcher Walby and the Victrix Ludorum by Violet Williams who gained the most points over a range of activities ; running, jumping, throwing and ball skills.

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Two children won family tickets to the cinema when they were drawn out of the full group of children with 100% attendance – well done to all of you who won your 100% badges and congratulations to Max Kear and Lilia Evans- I hope you enjoyed a good film.

Following the test case that was heard in the High Court the ruling is that families should not take their children out of school for family holidays. This is an area that Ofsted identified as an area for improvement.

Year 6 are going to PGL this week so clubs will start next week-please return your club list ASAP and assume your child has a place in their requested club unless you hear to the contrary.

Breakfast club has started from 8am with a limit of 20 places which are going fast. Please contact Kathy Histed via the office if you need before school child care. There is only a nominal charge for pupils on Free School Meals.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September:		November:	
13 th – 15 th	Year 6 to PGL	7 th	Photographer
13 th	Meet the Teacher	24 th	Non uniform – items for the fair
October:		December:	
6 th	Harvest Festival	1 st	Non uniform – items for the fair
6 th	Family Fun Run	2 nd	Christmas Fayre
11 th & 12 th	Parents Meeting	5 th	Flu vaccinations Y4
13 th	Bulb planting	11 th	Infant production - pm
20 th	End of ½ term	12 th	Infant production - eve
30 th	Inset Day	13 th	Christmas Dinner
31 st	Back to school	19 th	Carol service and Christmas Parties
		20 th	Last day of term – Carols around the tree