



NEWSLETTER

'Caring for each other and learning together'

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13th September 2021

Newsletter No. 1 - This Newsletter is being sent both as a paper copy and via ParentMail, as it is the first one of the year. All future Newsletters will be sent by ParentMail only.

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome new families to our school and welcome back all of our families and children. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and made the most of the new freedoms we had. We really enjoyed summer club at school and hope the children who came did too.

Please ensure your children are punctual when arriving to school for an 8.50 start (doors open 8.45) and as much as we love parents being part of school life we are asking that parents leave the school grounds as soon as they can. We are happy for parents to leave children from year two upwards at the gate to help with social distancing. School ends at 3.15 for YR, Y1 and Y2 and at 3.20 for all juniors (Y3-Y6) and again would ask parents to leave the school grounds as soon as they can. Children are no longer being taught in year bubbles as guided by the Department of Education.

This year our main focus is to ensure pupils make the really good progress we expect and enjoy their learning with a good impact on age expected and good attainment. Ofsted now expect a broad curriculum to be taught - we have always done this but we have worked hard to make learning even more exciting.

We have, as ever, lots going on this term and we will attach dates regularly:

Topics for September:

- YR All about me
- Y1 What makes me super?
- Y2 Mrs Armitage on wheels
- Y3 Rainforests
- Y4 Healthy bodies
- Y5 Mysterious materials
- Y6 Engineering and trade links

Children may wish to learn or research at home, we also ask parents to hear children read as often as is possible. Children in Y1 to Y6 will have homework each week including spellings and times tables.

Please do chat to your child's teacher if there is anything that you are concerned about or not sure about.

Parents evening - "parents evening" will be over a two week period from 18th October - 5th November (excluding half term) they will be run after school by your child's teacher.

Newsletters - We are sending a hard copy out to all parents this time, as well as a copy on ParentMail. Please let us know if you do not receive a copy on ParentMail. In future the Newsletters will be sent to parents on ParentMail and are also available on our website as well as on the noticeboard at the front of school. If a hard copy is required, please call in to the office to get one. We send important messages by Parentmail so you need need to get them.

Dogs - whilst we would rather dogs stayed with owners and not tied to the fence we do expect any mess to be cleaned up. Please show upto date public liability insurance/vaccination cards to office to be able to bring dogs on site.

Chickens - If anyone is interested in letting them out/putting them to bed at the weekends we would be very grateful. Please call in to the office so that we may put your name on the rota. You only need to open their door in the morning and close in the evening. They are good girls and go to bed themselves at dusk. You also have opportunity to use the school field for a play or picnic.

Parking - **Please do not park in the school car park at any time.** Please may we ask that at least one disabled bay is available at all times. Please also be considerate when parking in areas surrounding the school. It is very important that emergency vehicles and coaches are able to get through at all times. We also ask that you use the one-way at peak times.

Filming - Please refrain from taking photos or filming children within the school grounds. Thank you.

Medical - Inhalers/Epipens - If your child needs to use an inhaler at school please ensure we have two of them, one to be kept in the classroom and one to be kept in the medical room as a spare. Please complete an asthma form, these are available from the office.

Universal Free School Meals - children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free hot school meal. These are very tasty meals with choices and menus are available in the office. These children also get a healthy snack at break time. If your child has moved to Y3 you now need to book and pay online with Chartwells (please call in to the office if you need help with this)

Entitled to free school meals? - Please let us know in time for the October Census on 7th October, as this affects our school budget considerably. If you are not working we can give you free uniform so please speak to us. Application forms for free school meals are available at the school office. Thank you.

We are having a special menu on Census day. Please see the poster in the window at the front of school, if you would like your KS2 child to have the special hot school dinner please order online at www.mealselector.co.uk. The meal must be ordered by 24th September 2021.

Absence - Please can you telephone the office on 01243 822885 between 8am and 9.20am if your child is unable to attend school that day.

Flu immunisation - further details to follow.

Covid 19 – if you suspect your child has symptoms – book a test – you do need to keep trying! Please don't keep children off without trying to get a test as they are missing school, their friends, their learning. It is really important children 'catch up' covid gaps. If at home school will provide work which needs to be brought back to school. Children DO NOT need to isolate if a family member or close contact tests positive.

After school club – Our after School club is up and running and lots of fun activities are planned. The fees are £6 until 4.30pm and £12 to 5.45pm and include a snack. Fees are paid in advance of sessions – thank you. Forms are available in the office. Spaces are limited.

Dates

Friday 24 th September	All	European Day of Languages
Thursday 1 st October	All	National Poetry Day
Friday 8 th October	Y5	Mad Scientist Day
Monday 18 th October – 5 th November	All	Parents evening meetings
Thursday 14 th October	All	No Pens and Pencils Day
Week of 11 th October	All	Harvest Festival – food you bring in will be for our foodbank/pop up shop
Tuesday 12 th October and 9 th November		Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.15 – 11.30 for next years Yr R
Wednesday 20 th October	All	Film night – Peter Rabbit 2 (limited to 100 children)
Monday 25th – Friday 29th October	All	Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd November	All	Whole School photographs Please let us know if you would like sibling photographs.
15-19 th November	All	Road safety week
Thursday 18 th November	All	World philosophy day
Thursday 19 th November		Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.15 – 11.30 for next years Yr R
Thursday 25 th November		Flu nasal spray session to be held here. This is to help stop children getting flu
Friday 17th December		End of Term

Christmas – Children will design Christmas cards for you to buy (these are good quality!) We will also have a raffle and will let you know about Christmas performances.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Jarvis
Headteacher

TERM DATES 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September 2021 - Friday 17th December 2021

Inset day	Thursday 2 nd September
Inset day	Friday 3 rd September
Term starts	Monday 6 th September
Half term	Monday 25 th October - Friday 29 th October
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Friday 8th April 2022

Inset day	Tuesday 4 th January
Term starts	Wednesday 5 th January
Half term	Monday 21 st February - Friday 25 th February
Term ends	Friday 8 th April

Good Friday 15th April and Easter Monday 18th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April 2022 - Thursday 21st July 2022

Inset Day	Monday 25 th April
Term starts	Tuesday 26 th April
Half Term	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June
Term ends	Wednesday 20 th July
Inset day	Thursday 21 st July (Extra day for Queens Jubilee)

Notes

On the following 5 Inset days school will be closed for pupils, but teachers will be required to undertake professional development.

Inset Days

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 25th April 2022
Thursday 21st July 2022