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Tours for Next Year's Reception Classes

Over the next few months we will be showing prospective parents around the school for next year's intake. The tours will involve a short presentation from the head teacher and then an opportunity to look around the school. Tours have been organised for:

- 15th September at 9.15am
- 4th October at 9.15am
- 13th October at 9.15am
- 16th November at 9.15am

No appointment is necessary; parents are welcome to just turn up on the day.

Welcome

We would like to welcome everyone back following the summer break. We hope that everyone had a relaxing time and was able to spend quality time with their families.

It is really pleasing to see how well all of our children have settled back into their learning and we are delighted with how at home our new reception children look. It is a delight to see the smiles on their faces and the obvious enjoyment they are getting from the time they are spending in school.

It is of the utmost importance to all us that we strive to do the very best for your children. On the rare occasions that any concerns or issues do develop it is important that they are brought to our attention so that they can be addressed quickly. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns during the school year that your child's teacher may not be able to help you with.

Mr Lynham

Her Majesty the Queen

Following the very sad news yesterday of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, teachers have dedicated time this morning for children to discuss what has happened with their classes at an age appropriate level. As a school we will be holding a series of school assemblies over the next two weeks to celebrate the life of The

Queen and to discuss the events that will happen next. We are waiting to hear from the Department of Education about the arrangements that schools will be expected to take regarding a possible school closure on the day of The Queen's funeral. We will keep you updated with any news that we receive.

Meet the Teacher

During the next two weeks we have organised an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher for a short while. This meeting will provide an opportunity to find out about the expectations in their child's class and also to ask questions. An email containing dates and times for this meeting will be sent to you separately.

Parents' Forum

Our first parent forum meeting of the new year has been arranged for Thursday 22nd September at 2.45pm. The parents' forum is open to all parents to attend and is intended to provide an opportunity for the school to consult with parents on their views regarding a range of school issues and new initiatives.

Pupil Premium

Every year at this time, we send out a reminder to all families about **Pupil Premium** funding. **Pupil Premium funding** was introduced by the government in April 2011 and, since that date,



schools have been allocated funding for children from families who are eligible for certain Government benefits, free school meals, plus looked-after children and those from families with parents in the Armed Forces. If a child has received free school meals at any point during their time at primary school, the school will continue to receive **Pupil Premium** funding until the day that they leave the school.

The aim of the funding is to help raise standards for children in these groups. For eligible children, we will be offering a whole range of benefits, including a 50% discount on these activities:

Residential school camp (Y6)

Educational school visits

Musical instrument lessons (in school)

On top of this, we will be offering a free set of **school uniform** (to be purchased through the school) and a free place at our **Breakfast Club**. We will also be providing an additional **50% contribution of up to £100 towards a club** that is run either inside or outside of school. It would be a requirement that any club would promote the values of the school. This might include, for example, swimming lessons or beavers/cubs/brownies.

In addition to the list above, it is intended that this year's funding will make a contribution towards the following: (This is a small sample of what we offer, there are more details available on the school's website.)

-Interventions to support children's learning in small groups

-Pastoral Support (with Mrs Martin)

-Counselling

-Resources for use in English and maths, including IT

-Forest schools

-Lunchtime support groups

You can register for Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of a number of Government benefits:

-Income Support

-Income-based Job Seekers Allowance

-Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

-Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act 1999

-The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit Child Tax Credit (with no working credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

-Working Tax Credit run-on

-Universal Credit

All children who are in Reception or Year 1 or Year 2 in a state funded school have been offered a free healthy school lunch. **Children in other years will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent is currently receiving any of the welfare benefits listed above.**

This additional pupil premium money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed above. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible and we can help to provide you with the benefits listed above.

If you are in receipt of any of the Government benefits (listed above) or are already registered for pupil premium, please contact the school office and Mrs Cannings will be happy to answer any questions you may have and will provide you with the necessary forms to complete.

Bicycles and Scooters

For health and safety reasons, we ask that no children or their parents ride bicycles or scooters on the school playground. If they need to be brought on to the school site they need to be pushed. We ask that this rule applies to very small children as well please.

Holiday and Absences from School Reminder

This is to remind parents that absence from school may only now be granted by the head teacher in 'exceptional' circumstances.

Governors have agreed that this could include, attending funerals or family weddings etc.

Following Government guidelines, holidays can not be authorised during term time. The head

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teacher can only consider applications made using the 'School Application for Absence Form' which must be submitted two calendar weeks ahead of the date requested for absence.

INSET Days

This year's INSET days will be held on the following days:

1st September
 2nd September
 31st October
 26th May
 5th June

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am and our after school club is open between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Bookings for the clubs will be made on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to book a space for your child, please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Term 1

INSET 1st and 2nd Sept
 Children arrive back- 5th September
 Reception half days split 5th – 16th September
 Meet teacher weeks 12th – 16th September
 New Reception parents' tours 15th September 9.15am
 Reception mornings and lunch 19th – 23rd September
 Reception consultations in afternoon 19th – 23rd September
 Year 6 camp – 19th – 23rd September
 Meet teacher week 19th – 23rd September
 Parent forum 22nd September 2.45pm
 Reception in full time 26th September
 Reception parents' phonics evening 6pm 3rd October
 Friends AGM – 3rd October 7.00pm
 New reception parents' tours 4th October 9.15am

Forest school Year 3 3rd - 7th October
 Open afternoon 6th October 3.00pm
 Parents consultations 12th – 13th October
 New reception parents' tours 13th October 9.15am
 Harvest celebration 14th October
 Forest school Year 4 17th – 21st October
 End Term 21st Oct

Term 2

INSET 31st Oct
 Children arrive back 1st November
 Forest school Year 5 7 - 11th November
 Remembrance assembly 11th November
 Year 5 camp meeting for residential in Year 6 14th November 6pm
 New reception parents' tours 16th November 9.15am
 Parent forum 17th November 2.45pm
 Children in Need 18th November (tbc)
 Reception open afternoons 23rd - 24th November 3.30 – 4.30pm
 Xmas fair 25th November (TBC)
 Forest school Year 6 28th November – 2nd December
 Xmas lunches 14th December
 End Term 16th December

Term 3

Children arrive back 3rd Jan
 Parent forum 26th January 2.45pm
 End Term 10th Feb

Term 4

Term begins 20th Feb
 Forest school Year 4 27th Feb – 3rd March
 Open afternoon 9th March 3pm
 15th and 16th March parent consultations
 Forest School Year 5 13th – 17th March
 Parent forum 15th March 2.45pm
 Sports Relief 17th March (TBC)
 MOJO Active – Year 2 21st, 22nd March
 MOJO Active – Year 4 23rd, 24th March
 Forest school Year 3 27th – 31st March

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Year 5 parents' camp meeting 29th March

3.30pm

End Term 31st March

Term 5

Term begins 17th April

MOJO Active – Year 1 26th, 27th April

MOJO Active – Year 3 2nd, 3rd May

MOJO Active – Year 5 4th, 5th May

Parent forum 11th May 2.45pm

KS2 SATs 8th – 11th May

Year 5 camp (Friday 12th – 13th May)

Forest school Year Reception/Year 1 15 – 19th

May

Sports Days 23rd and 24th May (reserve 25th)

INSET 26th May

End Term 26th May

Term 6

INSET 5th June

Children arrive back 6th June

Forest school Year 5 6th – 9th June

New reception parents meeting 12th June 6pm

Forest school Year 6 12th – 16th June

Forest school Year 2 19 – 23rd June

New reception meet the teacher visits 19th June
– 23rd June

MOJO Active – Year 6 22nd, 23rd June

Forest school Year 3 27th – 30th June

Parent forum 29th June 2.45pm

Summer fair 1st July (TBC)

Forest school Year 4 3rd – 7th July

New Reception stay and play visits 3rd – 6th July

Reception teddy bear picnic 7th July

21st July End Term

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