



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:

14th September at 9.15am

3rd October at 9.15am

12th October at 9.15am

8th November 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 of 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

Meet the Teacher

During the first few weeks of this term 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.

Parents' Forum

Our first parent forum meeting of the new year has been arranged for Thursday 21st 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.

Year 6 Camp

Our children in Year 6 are busily preparing for their week-long camp next week at Kilve Court. We are sure that they are going to have a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing about their experiences and the activities they participated in when they return to school the following week.

Woodland Nurturing

Next week Year 3 will be our first year group to visit Hortham Farm to begin their woodland nurturing programme for this year. These sessions are very much enjoyed by the children and it is always really pleasing to see how their independence and outdoor skills develop during their time in the forest. We are always very grateful to all of our parents who can take the time to volunteer to help out at these sessions. Without this help we would not be able to run the programme out of school. A list of the weeks when woodland nurturing sessions will be



occurring in each year group has been added to the dates section at the end of this newsletter and is also on the school website calendar. Please can we encourage parents to consider and let us know in advance if you would be available to help at on one or more of these days.

Parent Readers

As a school we would be very grateful if any of our parents or grandparents could spare a small amount of time to volunteer to come into school and hear children read. If you are able to help out at any time, during the school day, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

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

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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 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
30th October
2nd January
24th May
3rd 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

INSET 1st Sept

Children arrive back- 4th September
Swimming Year4 4th - 8th September
Reception half days split 4th – 15th September
Meet teacher weeks 11th – 15th September
New Reception parents' tours 14th September 9.15am
Forest school Year 3 18th – 22nd September
Reception mornings and lunch 18th – 22nd September
Reception consultations in afternoon 18th – 22nd September
Year 6 camp – 18th – 22nd September
Meet teacher week 18th – 22nd September
Parent forum 21st September 2.45pm
Reception in full time 25th September
Forest school Year 4 25th – 29th September
Reception parents' information evening 6pm 2nd October
New reception parents' tours 3rd October 9.15am
Open mornings week 2nd - 6th October 3.00pm
Parents consultations 11th – 12th October
New reception parents' tours 12th October 9.15am
Birthday Friday 20th Oct
End Term 20th Oct

INSET 30th Oct

Children arrive back 31st October
Swimming Year 4 31st October- 3rd November
New reception parents' tours 8th November 9.15am
Forest school Year 5 13th - 17th November
Year 5 camp meeting for residential in Year 6 13th November 6pm
New reception parents' tours 16th November 9.15am
Parent forum 16th November 2.45pm
Children in Need 17th November
Reception open afternoons 22nd - 23rd November 3.30 – 4.30pm
Xmas fair 24th November
Forest school Year 6 27th November – 1st December
Xmas lunches 13th December
Birthday Friday 15th December

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End Term 15th December

INSET 2nd January

Children arrive back 3rd Jan

Parent forum 25th January 2.45pm

Birthday Friday 9th Feb

End Term 9th Feb

Term begins 19th Feb

Forest school Year 4 26th Feb – 1st March

Open morning week 4th – 8th March 3pm

MOJO Active – Year 2 11th, 12th March

MOJO Active – Year 4 13th, 14th March

13th and 14th March parent consultations

Parent forum 14th March 2.45pm

Sports Relief 15th March (TBC)

Forest School Year 5 18th – 22nd March

Forest school Year 3 25th – 29th March

Year 5 parents' camp meeting 26th March
3.30pm

Birthday Thursday 28th March

End Term 28th March

Term begins 15th April

MOJO Active – Year 1 18th, 19th April

Forest school Year 4 22nd – 26th April

MOJO Active – Year 3 29th, 30th April

MOJO Active – Year 5 1st, 2nd May

Forest school Year Reception/Year 1 6th – 10th
May

Parent forum 9th May 2.45pm

Year 4 swimming 13th – 17th May

KS2 SATs 13th – 17th May

Year 5 camp (camp on Friday 17th – 18th May)

Sports Days 21st and 22nd May (reserve 23rd)

Birthday Friday 23rd May

INSET 24th May

End Term 24th May

INSET 3rd June

Children arrive back 4th June

MOJO Active – Year 6 6th, 7th June

Forest school Year 5 10th – 14th June

New reception parents meeting 10th June 6pm

Forest school Year 6 17th – 21st June

New reception meet the teacher visits (after school) 17th June – 21st June

Forest school Year 2 24th – 28th June

Parent forum 27th June 2.45pm

Forest school Year 3 1st – 5th July

Reception stay and play visits 1st – 5th July

Summer fair 6th July Reception teddy bear picnic 5th July

MOJO Reception 8th and 9th July

Year 4 swimming 15th – 19th July

Parents' evening 18th July 3.30 – 4.30pm

Birthday Tuesday 23rd July

23rd July End Term

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