



16/05/17

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and teachers will be busy writing reports and preparing your children ready for their new class in September. As soon as the decision has been made as to which class the children are moving, I will let you know.

ASSEMBLIES:

Thursday 6th July – Year R

Thursday 13th July – Year 1

Thursday 20th July – Year 2 – Leavers Assembly

All will be held at **10.15 a.m.**

ART'S WEEK:

The School will be having an Art's Week beginning 23rd June 2017 where the children will be taking part in lots of activities related to the Arts and Celebrations of other countries. If you have any artefacts or can offer some time and skills related to the Arts and Celebrations of another Country please come in and see Mrs Greed.

BUG CLUB:

Most of the children have been using Bug Club at home. If you or the children are having problems logging on to the site please come in and see the class teacher. However after a Survey it was discovered that fewer children are using the Programme. Therefore as of the end of June the school have decided to investigate a different on-line reading scheme so Bug Club will not be available. When we have more news on a new scheme we will let parents know. The computers in the ICT Suite are available to use on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening after school until 4.20 p.m. if you are having problems gaining access to a computer.

ANOMOLY DIGITAL NOTICE BOARD:

The New Digital Notice Board is now up and running and displays all our news and photographs of the children. These videos can also be used in the classroom as part of the curriculum. This has been purchased with ring fenced government funding from a Sports Budget.


CHARITIES:

I would like to thank you and your children for their support for BLUE DAY on 5th May we raised £160 for the Tom Prince Trust.

CLASS PHOTOS:

Unfortunately we have had to change to date of the school Class Photos. They will now be taken on 20th June 2017. All the children will have their class photo taken. Please may I ask that you ensure your child is dressed in school uniform on this day – Thank you. Copies will be issued for you to purchase if you would like. I apologise for changing this date however this was due to other commitments.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:  – see end of this newsletter

DOGS!!! 

Please may I remind you that dogs (other than guide dogs) should not be brought to school when you are delivering/collecting your child. Also they must not be left tied to the railings anywhere on the perimeter of the school.

FOMS: 

Just a reminder that the Summer Fayre will be held on FRIDAY 14th JULY at 3.30 p.m. Thank you for your generosity for the Sponsored event held recently we raised over £1300. F.O.Ms members work really hard for the school and I would again like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work. I am sure they will be sending out a letter in the near future listing upcoming events and dates.

MEDICAL NOTICE:

Unfortunately there has been 2 confirmed outbreaks of Scarlet Fever in the school in the last month. The symptoms are feeling unwell and a rash. If you are worried please take your child to the doctor and they should prescribe anti-biotics. Your child can return 24 hours after the start of the medication.

HOLIDAYS/: ATTENDANCE ✓

For those of you who may be planning holidays etc. for the next academic year (Sept. 17 – July 18) may I remind you of the school policy regarding taking children out of school during term time:

“We believe that children need to be in school for ALL sessions so that they can make the most progress. We are committed to providing all children in the school with the best opportunities to help them succeed. Our views follow the Government and PCC guidelines.....

NO holidays will be authorised by the Headteacher unless there are extenuating circumstances.

If your child has 10 sessions (1 day = 2 sessions) of unauthorised absence the school may consider issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice Request. Holidays of a lesser period will be monitored.

A holiday form (LOAFs) **MUST** be completed **before** the holiday dates and parents can obtain these from the school office.”

LOST PROPERTY AGAIN!!!:

At the end of last term we cleared the lost property box. However already we have a large boxful of lost property located in the Medical Room. Please ensure you check for any missing items at it seems such a shame that we will have to throw away unclaimed items.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING IS NAMED!!!.

PARENT/CHILDREN’S SURVEY’S: 

Attached to this Newsletter are parent/child questionnaires. Please could you return them by Thursday 25th May 2017. We do value your comments and I will list the responses in my next newsletter. Thank you.

PLAYTIME EQUIPMENT:



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in sending in all the comics for the children at playtime. These give the children the opportunity to sit and share a comic with a friend and it is a nice quiet thing for them to choose to do. If you have any that your child would like to donate this would continue to keep our comic box stocked up. Thank you again for your generosity.

PROFESSIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED:



May I remind you that the school will be closed for the children for staff training on Friday 26th May for Assessment Training. We will also be closed on Monday 19th June 2017 to review Planning for the new academic year.

REPORTS:



The annual reports will be going out to you during the last full week of term and please feel free to come in at any time to discuss them with your child's class teacher if you should wish to. The teachers are still available to discuss your child's progress on Tuesday evenings prior to the reports going out, and some other nights if a Tuesday is not convenient for you. Please check with the teacher prior to your visit. Please may I ask that you return the report slip before the end of term. Teachers always welcome your comments however if you would prefer not to comment then please just sign and return it. Thank you.

ROAD SAFETY



The Local Authority have been quite vigilant in patrolling the road outside both the Crofton Road and the Shelford entrances with regards to parking on the Zig Zag Lines as some accidents have occurred on our roads due to children crossing between parked cars. We have been asked, when possible, to take photographic evidence which will be forwarded to the Local Authority. I am sure I can rely on your support in this issue.

It has also been pointed out to me that the crossing patrol person does an excellent job keeping the children safe when crossing the road. It is very important that we support these hard working people and it nice to see that parents appreciate and value them. Thank you for your comments and they will be passed on to the appropriate authority. A special thank you to them.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND – BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL:

Can I remind you that scooters, bikes and balls are not allowed in the playground in the mornings and in the evenings. As there are so many people in a confined space we have had reports that children and adults have been hit and I am sure you will realise this can be very painful. Please ensure older/younger children remain with you at all times. Your child is more than welcome to ride their bike or scooter to school but please could they leave it in the Bike rack supplied by the school.

SCHOOL SHOES/SANDALS:



Although the summer!!! is approaching, please ensure your child wears sensible shoes/sandals to school. "Slip on" sandals/flip flops can prove to be dangerous when children are out in the playground. Thank you.

SPORTS DAY:




The school's sports afternoon will be held on THE CRICKET GREEN, LOCKSWAY ROAD (just past St. James Hospital) on **THURSDAY 6th JULY at 1.30 p.m.** If possible please could you send your child to school on this day in his/her P.E. kit (shorts, tee-shirt, trainers). This will mean your child not having to change at lunchtime and therefore less for him/her to carry to the field to look after.


It would be helpful if packed lunches are sent in plastic/carrier bags and all contents disposable on this day. Also **no** book bags should be brought to school on this day. The children do not then need to carry anything to the field.

In previous years there has been litter left after the event - especially cigarette ends. Therefore, this year I ask that there is **no smoking** during the event and all rubbish is taken home with you. It is important that we leave the field as we find it, any rubbish has to be cleared by us before leaving. Toilets are available for our use.

At the end of the afternoon you will be able to take your child home from the field but please ensure that you inform his/her teacher at the time. If you are unable to attend your child will be taken back to school to be ready for home time at 3.20 p.m. If your child goes home for lunch please could you ensure he/she is back at school by 1 p.m. on this day as the classes will be leaving to walk down to the field. We hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy the afternoon.

SUNNY DAYS – in the event of !!: 

We are ever hopeful that the weather warm up soon!! Please could you make sure your child is properly equipped to go out in the sun. It is advisable for your child to bring a sun hat to school (named of course). Those with neck protection are ideal. Please would you also ensure that sun cream is put on before your child comes to school as we do not have the facilities or time to apply cream during school time. Last year several children attended school with mild sun burn but did not have suitable clothing to cover their sore areas. In the event that your child is sunburned and can attend school please ensure that they have appropriate clothing to cover up. Thank you.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SCHOOL TRIPS: 

Thank you for your support with these payments. This term is particularly popular for school trips to take place. May I assure you that every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum, with the school subsidising each trip, however, without your contributions we would not be able to offer the range of activities we currently do.

VOLUNTEERS: 

If you have a spare hour or two or a morning and would like to help the children with speech and language programmes, please see Miss Brown. All volunteers are DBS checked and authorised to work, under supervision, with children.

Once again thank you for your continued support of the school.

Kind Regards

Lynda Daish

Headteacher

DATES FOR THE TERM

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MAY		
Fri. 26 th	All Day	PROFESSIONAL DAY – School Closed
Mon. 29 th – Fri. 2 nd		HALF TERM
JUNE		
Mon. 19 th		PROFESSIONAL DAY – School Closed
Tues. 20 th	a.m.	CLASS PHOTOS
Mon. 26 th – Fri. 30 th		ARTS WEEK
JULY		
Thurs. 6 th	10.15 a.m.	YEAR R ASSEMBLY
	p.m.	SPORTS AFTERNOON
Thurs. 13 th	10.15 a.m.	YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY
Fri. 14 th	3.30 p.m.	FOMS SUMMER EVENT
Thurs. 20 th	10.15 a.m.	YEAR 2 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
Tues. 25 th July	3.20 p.m.	END OF SUMMER TERM