

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

It really doesn't seem possible that we are over half way through the school year again. This term the children have taken part in the Music Festival and have enjoyed a successful Book Week. Thank you to Mrs Lipscomb for organising Book Week, all the children had an enjoyable time with lots of fun activities. Thank you to all parents who supported the school by buying books, we sold over £1000 worth of books giving us £500+ to spend on reading resources.

Mrs Baldacchino will be leaving us next week to take up a new post in another school and we wish her good luck for the future. Mrs Phillips will be returning for 3 days a week and Mrs Rowe will be working for the other 2 days in Purple Class for the Summer Term.

We will be reviewing the situation for Year R in September next term.

The School will be holding an Art's Week from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and details will follow next term. We will also be holding a Sports Afternoon and again more details will be sent out when arrangements have been finalised.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – COLLECTING CHILDREN:



Please may I ask that when you are collecting your child from any After School Club that you wait in the school reception area until you are either called to collect them or they are brought round to you. This is to avoid congestion in restricted areas. Thank you for your co-operation.

We will be sending out letters next week for the afterschool activities available for the next half term. Most will be starting immediately we come back as there are only 5 weeks in the half term.

## ASSEMBLIES:



Year R and Year 1 Assemblies have taken place. Year 2's Assembly will take place on the date below:

Thursday 2nd April – Year R2

Easter Assembly will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We will **not** be inviting parents to join us for this assembly.

## ATTENDANCE/HOLIDAYS: ✓

Just a reminder for those of you who may be planning holidays etc. 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 will be 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.”

I remind you that if you have a child **in Year 2**, SATs will be taking place during May.

## BOOK BUG:

We hope you and your child are still enjoying using Bug Club. This is such a useful resource for you and your child to enjoy valuable reading time at home. If you have any problems or questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. The teachers have a list of your child's details to gain access to the site if you have mislaid them. This resource will accelerate your child's progress in reading and is a fun activity to do.

## CAKE SALES:

Thank you for your continued generosity with the Cake Sales. Listed below are some of the things the Classes have bought:

### Year 2

Clocks

Books

Props for Research and Project Time

Artefacts for the Victory Topic

Games

### Year 1

Activities for fine motor skills

Easter Activities

Books

### Year R

Resources for the Pirate Topic

Story Box Resources

Art & Craft Activities

Writing Activities

## CHARITIES:

A special thank you to all the children and parents for supporting Comic Relief Day as we raised £144. We will also be collecting for 'Bring a Bear To School Day' and 'Blue Friday' and I will notify you of those dates next term.

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH/MEDICINES:

It is that time of year when there are lot of colds, flu and sickness viruses going around.

**SICKNESS:** I would like to thank you for your co-operation with letting the school know in the event of your child being unwell. I would just like to remind you that if your child is unwell please could you phone from 8.15 to inform the school on the **first** day of sickness even if your child has been sent home sick the day before. In the interest of your child's safety, we would appreciate a call before 10.00 and if the call is not received you will get a phone call from the school just to check. It would be helpful if you could explain to the member of staff what the nature of your child's illness and the symptoms they have developed. Also, on their return, please could you send in a letter explaining why your child was off, for our records.

**INHALERS:** We will be sending home spacers for children using inhalers at the end of each term. This is so they can be cleaned thoroughly. However, I ask that if they are still required they are returned to school on the first day of term. Please can I remind you that if your child has an inhaler and you wish to change the dosage, there are forms available in the office so that the first aider is aware of any change in the amount your child needs.

**LIP STICK/GLOSS/SALVE:** Please can I ask that your child does not bring lipstick/gloss/salve to school. Children tend to "share" these items and this is a very effective way of spreading germs. If your child has a medical condition requiring lip salve please ensure the item is **CLEARLY NAMED** and handed in at the school office.

**THROAT SWEETS:** May I also ask that your child does not bring cough/throat sweets such as "soothers"/"tunes" etc. to school. Again if there is a medical reason for them requiring them please ensure they are clearly named and handed in to the school office.

**MEDICINES:** I would like to clarify that the school is able to issue ONLY prescribed medicine, which needs to be administered 4 times a day. i.e. before lunch. If parents wish to come into school to administer other medicines please arrive at school at 12 noon and your child will be brought to the office from the classroom.

## CONTACT NUMBERS :

Please may I ask that you keep the office informed of any contact persons and telephone numbers. We have had several incidents recently where we have been unable to contact parents because numbers have changed. Thank you.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

I list at the end of this newsletter some dates of events/activities taking place in school, including assembly dates, for your information. Letters will be sent out nearer the time for some of the events mentioned.

## FOMS ACTIVITIES THIS TERM:

- **EASTER CARDS/EASTER TEA** – Thursday 2nd April.

## NON UNIFORM DAY

On **FRIDAY 27th MARCH** we will be having a Non Uniform Day. We ask that you send in a donation of either money (£1) or a doggie toy which will be forwarded to the South West Boxer Dog Trust of which Jill Loader (office) is a member. The Trust has always greatly appreciated the donations made from this school. Jill will bring her boxer dogs in for the assembly on this day.

## OLD COMICS/ANNUALS:

If you have any old comics or children's annuals which are in a good condition that you do not need any more we would be grateful if you could send them in for the children to use at playtimes/lunchtime. Thank you

## PARENT MEETINGS:

Thank you for attending the Parents Evenings on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015. I would like to apologise to you if you were kept waiting, however I hope that holding 2 evenings help to shorten the waiting time.

## PARKING ISSUES:

As you are aware the Traffic Warden/Police have been patrolling outside the school for people who are parking illegally at drop off and home times. This is partly in response to various complaints received by both the Infant and Junior Schools. Please may I re-iterate how important it is that you **DO NOT** park on the zig-zag lines OR stop/pull- in to the middle of the road to drop children off.

## PROFESSIONAL DAYS:

Friday 22nd May – Assessment  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – P.E.  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – New Curriculum/Assessment

## SCHOOL DIINNERS:

Please find attached the new menu which will start after the Easter holiday. You will note that it has been reduced from a 3 choice to a 2 choice menu. I would be grateful to receive your comments on this change.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

May I ask that if you have any uniform your child has grown out of that is in good condition, please could we have it for spare clothing. Also children's underwear i.e. boys/girls pants, socks (particularly 5/6-7/8 age).

**SOCIAL NETWORKING:**

Over recent months there have been some incidents where pictures of the children, at school events, have been uploaded on to Social Networking sites. I am sure you can appreciate that some parents do not wish to have their children appear on these sites even if they are part of a group where the main focus of the picture may not necessarily be them. Please could you refrain from putting pictures of school events on these sites especially if it is a photo that has other children in it. We are currently updating our networking policy and will inform you when it is finalised. Thank you.

**AND FINALLY ...** May I ask that during this changeable weather you ensure your child is wrapped warmly to come to school and has sensible, sturdy shoes on (make sure all items are clearly named). Unless it is raining we do send the children outside for some fresh air at play/lunchtimes.

Best wishes

*Lynda Daish*

Headteacher

#### DATES FOR THE TERM

<b>APRIL</b>		
Thurs. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30	EASTER TEA & FAYRE
		END OF SPRING TERM
Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.50 a.m.	START OF SUMMER TERM
<b>MAY</b>		
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs. 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.20	END OF HALF TERM
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All Day	SCHOOL CLOSED – PROFESSIONAL DAY
Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>		HALF TERM
<b>JUNE</b>		
Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	SCHOOL CLOSED – PROFESSIONAL DAY
Thurs. 11 <sup>th</sup>	a.m.	Class Photos
Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>		ARTS WEEK
Mon. 29 <sup>th</sup>	All Day –	SCHOOL CLOSED – PROFESSIONAL DAY
<b>JULY</b>		
Thurs. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.15 a.m.	Class Assembly (chosen year group will be notified asap)
Thurs. 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 a.m.	Class Assembly (chosen year group will be notified asap)
Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 a.m.	Year 2 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.20 p.m.	END OF SUMMER TERM