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September 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year; the summer holidays seem to have flown by more quickly than ever this year!! It is great to see the children keen to be back at school, looking smart and ready to learn. They have settled quickly back in to school routines.

NEW STARTERS

A special welcome to all our new children and families in Red and Blue Class; we look forward to getting to know you as the term progresses.

MRS LYAL

Mrs Lyal has decided that she will be retiring at the end of this academic year in July 2017. This will mark the end of forty years of teaching and I am sure you will agree that Mrs Lyal deserves the time to put her feet up! We will say our farewells much nearer the time.

ALLERGIES

Please remember we are a 'nut free' school and packed lunches must adhere to this. If your child has an allergy please ensure the class teacher and the office staff are aware so the appropriate care plan is in place.

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all the parents who attended our evening this week. Hopefully you should have received all the relevant hand-outs from class teachers and remember they are always available to answer questions at the end of the school day.

HANDWRITING WORKSHOPS

As we are introducing a new cursive script of handwriting, we are running 3 short workshops for parents to come and have a try and ask advice. The sessions will last for half an hour.

The dates are as follows:

Thursday 22 September at 9:00am

Tuesday 27 September at 6:15pm

Wednesday 28 September at 2:30pm

BRING A PARENT TO SCHOOL

After the continued success of our 'bring your parent to school' sessions, we will continue to run them twice a year. The date for this term will be Friday 30th September. Due to capacity, we will only have space for **one parent only** to attend **either** the morning or afternoon session. Further details will follow shortly.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's celebration will take place on Wednesday 19th October. Due to the popularity in previous years we will be holding two performances: 9:15am and 2:15pm. More details will follow with regards our charity collection.

PARENT CONSULTATION

Tuesday 18th October 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Wednesday 19th October 5.00 – 8.00 pm

We are holding Consultation evenings on the above dates and this is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in a 1:1 meeting. You will receive details shortly on how to use our electronic system to sign up for an appointment. As the discussion with the teacher will be focused on how well your child is progressing, books will be

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made available for you to view before or after your consultation. Please remember you are always welcome to come into class at the end of the school day to see what your child has been doing.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We have provisionally booked the week beginning the 12th December for our Christmas performances. I will inform you of fixed dates as soon as they have been confirmed.

WATERPROOF AND WELLIE BOOT REQUEST

As we are trying to encourage outside learning as much as possible we would welcome any donations of waterproofs and wellie boots for all our year groups. If you have infant and junior children who have outgrown their wet weather gear we would willingly give them a new home!

SCHOOL PHOTO

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 27th September, details will be sent out nearer the time.

CAR PARK ~ REMINDER

Please use either of our two pedestrian gates and do not walk through the school car park. The car park is in constant use throughout the day and can be very busy at the start and end of the day. It is important that the children learn to use the pedestrian gates as part of their road safety awareness.

HELPING PARENTS

We welcome parents / grandparents to regularly help in school with a variety of activities including hearing children read, playing games, cooking, sewing and art. If you would like to help on a regular basis in your child's class we would be very happy to hear from you. We are also desperate for some 'green fingered' volunteers to help with our gardening beds. Please talk to your class teacher if you are interested. As part of our safeguarding procedures you will need to have a cleared DBS certificate. If you do not have one, please see Mrs Wancio in the office.

JUNIOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

With reference to Mrs Elbourne-Cload's letter this week, please do not use the play equipment on the junior site as it is not age appropriate.

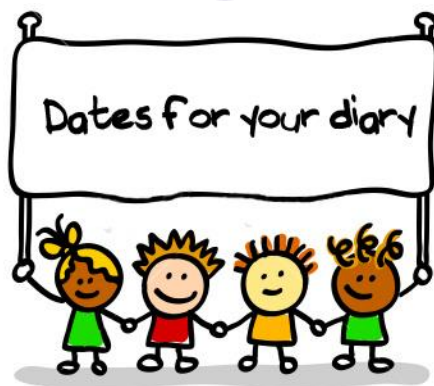
PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

All children in our school are eligible for a free school meal every day as part of the government scheme for 'universal free school meals'; however there may be additional funding available for the school to claim to support pupils through Pupil Premium Grant.

We are therefore asking ALL our families to register on the following website: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals This will only need to be done once in our school and then again when the children move to year 3. If you have any concerns or need help registering please come and see Mrs Wancio in the office.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Thursday 22 September	Handwriting workshop	Dining room	9:00am
Tuesday 27 September	Handwriting workshop	Dining room	6:15pm
Wednesday 28 September	Handwriting workshop	Dining room	2:30pm
Friday 30 September	Bring your parent to school		EITHER am or pm
Tuesday 27 September	School Photographs		
Tuesday 18 October	Parent Consultation	Hall	3:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 19 October	Harvest Festival	Hall	9:15am or 2:15pm
Wednesday 19 October	Parent Consultation	Hall	5pm – 8pm
Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October	HALF TERM		
Monday 21 November	Y1 & 2 flu immunisation		
Wednesday 21 December	END OF TERM		1:15pm



Thursday 5 January 2017	OCCASIONAL DAY (School closed to pupils)
Friday 6 January 2017	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Monday 9 January 2017	Back to school
Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2017	HALF TERM
Monday 20 February 2017	Back to school
Friday 31 March 2017	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm
Tuesday 18 April 2017	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 19 April 2017	Back to school
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2017	HALF TERM
Monday 5 June 2017	Back to school
Friday 21 July 2017	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm