



## Newsletter 9

May 2017

Dear Parents

### **AFTER SCHOOL**

Whilst the children are still on the school grounds after school, can you please ensure that they continue to follow the school rules. We have spoken to the children about this in class and in meeting and explained that once they have left the classroom at the end of the day the expectation is they do not climb on the apparatus, the bus or the boat. They must also not run around in the wildlife area. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

### **STAFFING**

We are very pleased to have recruited a new teacher to join us in September; Lorna Williams will be teaching in KS1 and I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the school.

Mrs Fran Wilson (play and nurture leader) will sadly be leaving us at half term. Mrs Wilson has developed a successful art business which sadly limits the amount of time she is able to spend in school. Mrs Wilson will be greatly missed by all but we wish her the very best in her business venture.

### **MAY FAIR & CHISS VOLUNTEERS**

We are gearing up for our May Fair which will soon be upon us. If you have not yet signed up to help on a stall, please do so as the more help we have the more money can be raised to purchase equipment to support the children in their learning. This year funds are going to buy additional maths equipment to support the curriculum.

**All members of CHISS are volunteers who give their time freely to raise much needed funds for our children.**

At busy times such as the school fair it is crucial for them to have as much support as possible, please sign up and volunteer a few hours to support.

### **HOT WEATHER**

Just a reminder to send your child to school with a named hat and a full water bottle. Please ensure you apply sun cream prior to school, staff are not allowed to apply cream.

### **ITEMS FROM HOME**

Please ensure that small items from home are not brought in to school such as mini toys / football cards etc. These cause distractions to the children and also the children get upset if they go missing.

### **CONTAGIOUS ILLNESSES**

Please notify the office immediately if you suspect your child may have a contagious illness such as chicken pox, slap check, impetigo etc. This is to ensure we are able to minimise infection for other children and we can also alert others to the risk such as pregnant staff or parents.

### **CHILDCARE CHOICES**

Mrs Thorpe (our Family Support Worker) would like the following website made aware to parents:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

This government site provides parents with a single point of information for all the government funded childcare offers, including the two new offers: 30 hours free childcare, being introduced from September and tax free childcare which began roll out on the 28 April. Parents can pre-register for email alerts to notify them of when they can apply for the above and provides details of existing government childcare offers.



### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This is taking place next week (beg 15 May). Please try to walk to school as often as possible this week. If you are unable to walk the whole way, please try to 'Park and Stride' – park the car a short distance away and stride the rest. Also remember that you are able to enter the school grounds via the junior school back gate which is located on Rodney Avenue. There is access via this gate both in the morning and the afternoon.

### HEALTH FOR KIDS

The NHS has a great website linked to staying healthy, illness, feelings and getting help. This is aimed to be used with your children to support with any concerns you or they may be having. There is also an additional link for parents. The link is [www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)

### ESAFETY

Thank you to the parents who attended our recent esafety meeting. We have updated the links to some key safety webpages. Please take time to look at the links on our school esafety web page.

### NEW REPORT RESPONSE

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our short questionnaire about our new report format. The positive response was overwhelming and we are pleased the new report is a success. The findings of the survey are detailed below:

EYFS	Yes	No	Don't know	On some occasion
Does your child's report inform you on how your child is achieving in the subject areas	29	1	2	x
Does your child's report inform you on how your child learns in the Early Years	30	0	2	x
Were the teacher's written comments on 'next steps in learning' useful to enable you to support your child at home?	30	0	x	2
Have you found it more useful to receive your child's written report now as opposed to the end of the summer term?	27	0	5	x
Do you find the layout of the report easy to follow?	29	1	2	x

KS1	Yes	No	Don't know	On some occasion
Does your child's report inform you on how your child is achieving in the subject areas	54	1	1	x
Does the report inform you about your child's progress?	55	1	0	x
Do you find it useful to know about the effort your child gives to learning?	56	0	0	x
Were the teacher's written comments on 'next steps in learning' useful to enable you to support your child at home?	53	0	x	3
Have you found it more useful to receive your child's written report now as opposed to the end of the summer term?	50	2	4	x
Do you find the layout of the report easy to follow?	54	0	2	x

### SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

A reminder plea, on behalf of Mrs Gibbons and the children, to send in your Sainsbury's vouchers. We are saving to replace our rather thread bare PE mats.



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Currently our whole school attendance is maintaining a steady 96%.

Well done to:

Week beginning 20 March	<b>Silver Class</b>	97.9% attendance
Week beginning 27 March	<b>Gold Class</b>	99% attendance
Week beginning 19 April	<b>Green / Purple Class</b>	98.3% attendance
Week beginning 24 April	<b>Gold Class</b>	100% attendance
Week beginning 2 May	<b>Purple Class</b>	99.2% attendance

### GOLDEN BOOK

The Golden Book is growing by the day! During April and May the following children shared their learning with me, very well done!

<b>Alexandra</b>	<i>Green Class</i>	<b>Thomas</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>	<b>Ariel</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>	<b>Aaliya</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>
<b>Harvy</b>	<i>Purple Class</i>	<b>Ruhanaul</b>	<i>Green Class</i>	<b>Owen</b>	<i>Purple Class</i>	<b>Ruben</b>	<i>Red Class</i>
<b>Sasha</b>	<i>Gold Class</i>	<b>Zayd</b>	<i>Gold Class</i>	<b>Ollie</b>	<i>Gold Class</i>	<b>Ismael</b>	<i>Silver Class</i>
<b>Anna</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>	<b>Musa</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>	<b>Eli</b>	<i>Red Class</i>	<b>Toby</b>	<i>Red Class</i>
<b>Sasha</b>	<i>Red Class</i>	<b>Leo</b>	<i>Red Class</i>	<b>Ellie</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>	<b>Harry</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>
<b>Kaylyn</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>	<b>Sam</b>	<i>Purple Class</i>	<b>Jessica-Rose</b>	<i>Blue Class</i>		

### DON'T FORGET

#### BIRTHDAY TREATS

Sweet treats are not permitted to be sent in to celebrate children's birthdays.

Register your views on our school at [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) , we are up to 18 contributions. If you have registered your views previously, please take a few moments to complete for this academic year 16/17.

#### 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](http://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.

#### NUT FREE

We have a 'nut free' policy in school. Please ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free' as some of our children are allergic to nuts and this includes airborne allergies. If you are unsure, please see the school office for one of our lunch time booklets.

#### LOST PROPERTY / NAMED UNIFORM

With the increased temperature lately there has been a rise of discarded jumpers and cardigans. The staff always ensure named items of clothing are returned to their owner; however this is difficult to do if names are faint in labels, names of past pupils or no name at all. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named to support us in this. In addition, it has been known for children to take home their friends item of clothing in error. Please double check you do not have any clothing belonging to other pupils.

With best wishes

**Charlotte Cooper**  
**Headteacher**



Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Monday 15 May	Walk to school week		
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June		HALF TERM	
Monday 5 June		Back to school	
Tuesday 20 June	Y2 Scooter safety day	Playground (pupils only)	
Friday 30 June	Sports Afternoon	Field	1:30pm
Friday 7 July	RESERVE sports afternoon	Field	1:30pm
Friday 14 July	Bring your parent to school	Classrooms	10-12am OR 1:15 – 3:15pm
Wednesday 19 July	Y2 Leavers concert	Hall Y2 parents only	2:15pm
Thursday 20 July	Y2 Leavers Party	Hall Y2 pupils only	3:15pm
Friday 21 July		END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm	



**PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

Tuesday 5 September 2017	Back to school
Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October 2017	HALF TERM
Tuesday 19 December 2017	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm
Thursday 4 January 2018	Back to school
Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2018	HALF TERM
Thursday 29 March 2018	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm
Tuesday 17 April 2018	Back to school
Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June 2018	HALF TERM
Friday 20 July 2018	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm

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