



Weekly Newsletter

8 September 2017

Newsletter No. 1

Dear Parents

I would like to welcome everyone back to school and look forward to an enjoyable and successful term. It was lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their uniforms. We are delighted to welcome new parents to the school and look forward to working with you closely.

Please remember, if you do have any queries/concerns come and talk to us, either by making an appointment with your child's class teacher firstly, or myself.

This year, newsletters will be issued every week, usually on Fridays, and they will also be on our new website when it goes live.

The newsletter contains lots of information relating to the Autumn term including dates for your diaries. Please record these on your calendar.

Attendance W/E: 8 September to midday

Whole School: 96.31%
Classes of the Week: 3F, 4PD & 5RF : 100%
3F - 100% 5H - 93%
3L - 95.7% 5LM - 97.2%
3RL - 98.6% 5RF - 100%
4P - 97.2% 6B - 96.3%
4PD - 100% 6K - 92%
4S - 92.5% 6MT - 93.8%

School Dinners

For w/b 11 September 2017 please look at **Week 2 of the attached menu.**

Please keep this menu handy so that you can let your child know the daily options.

Diary Dates

20 Sept Upper School Curriculum Evening
22 Sept Genes for Jeans Non-Uniform (£1 donation)
25 Sept School Photographer
4 Oct Lower School Curriculum Evening
14 Nov Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5 pm
15 Nov Parents' Evening 3.30 pm - 5 pm & 6pm - 8 pm
14 Dec Christmas Lunch

CLUBS

This term we will continue with outside agencies running some of our After School Clubs. This will give the children a greater variety of clubs to choose from, as well as some of the more traditional ones such as Choir. For some clubs there will be a small charge payable on the day to the instructor. Paid clubs run by outside providers must be booked direct.

DODGEBALL - Run by Elite Sport, this club started on Thursday 7 September. It is for all years and runs from 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm. It is a payable club and the cost is £42 for 14 weeks (in advance saves £7) or £3.50 per session payable on the day.

TENNIS - Run by Sports4Fun, this is a payable club and starts later in the term (dates to be advised). The club runs from **3.15 pm - 4.15 pm** on Tuesdays and is for all years.

FOOTBALL - All Football Clubs are run by Mr Harrington. Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis. Dates and times are as follows:

Girls - **For all years**. This starts on **Thursday 14 September** and runs from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm.

Boys- **Years 3 & 4** - starts on **Wednesday 13 September** and runs from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm.

Year 5 - starts on **Wednesday 13 September** and runs from 8 am to 8.40 am.

Year 6 - starts on **Thursday 14 September** and runs from 8 am - 8.40 am.

CHOIR - This club is for all years and starts on **Tuesday 19 September from 3.15 pm - 4.10 pm**. Members will also be invited to perform at the Young Voices concert at the O2 in January 2018.

DANCE - This club, run by the outside provider Ms Ford, is for all years and **starts on Monday 18 September from 3.15 pm—4.15 pm**. The cost for the term is £42.50 and should be paid by the end of the first lesson. There are limited spaces available and these will be on a first come first served basis.

GYMNASTICS This club is run by an outside provider, Ms Rapley, and is for Years 4 to 6. This Club will take place on a Friday from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm and will commence on **Friday 15 September** at a cost of £3.50 per session.

UKULELE - This club is run by Mrs Mate, a Year 5 teacher, and will commence after October half term.

NETBALL - This club is for all years and is run by Miss Fellowes, a Year 3 teacher. The Club starts on Monday 11 September and runs from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm.

Assessment Week Dates

Please be aware of the following dates for assessments of reading, writing and maths. Absences will not be authorised during these weeks.

w/b 9 October 2017, 4 December 2017, 29 January 2018, 19 March 2018,

14 May 2018 (SATs week - Year 6 only)

25 June 2018 (Years 3, 4 and 5 only)

Nut Allergy

As we have a number of children with severe nut allergies, we must insist that no nuts or nut products are brought into school in lunch boxes or for snack time. I am sure you will appreciate some children with this allergy can have very bad reactions. Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

New Menu

Attached is a copy of the new menu. Please ensure your child is clear about what is on offer for each day to save any disappointment and confusion. Many thanks.

Contact Details

Could we please request that parents keep the school up to date with current mobile phone, home and work numbers as well as email details so that we can reach you if need be, especially should an emergency situation arise. Forms can be found in reception. If you would like correspondence emailed to you including our Newsletter, please ensure we have your e-mail address.

Absence

Please remember to phone the office to inform the school on the first day of your child's absence. We have an answer machine on which you can leave details.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible for Free School Meals for your child/children please remember to renew your application.

For those whose child/children moved into Year 3 please remember they will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals so you must submit an application if you are eligible.

School Photographer

Kittles Photography will be coming into school on Monday 25 September to take individual photos of children in school. Junior School children will be automatically photographed individually and with brothers or sisters in the Junior School, unless you send in a note to the class teacher requesting individual photos only.

The pack will be on a proof card basis and we have tried to keep the price as low as possible. Photographs will be in an informal style.

School Nursing Team

The School Nursing Team are hosting Drop In Clinics at the CLC Centre based at Bromfords School, Grange Avenue. These drop in clinics can help with continence (night time wetting), weight and dietary issues, sleep/behaviour problems, hearing tests and general health concerns. No appointment is necessary. They take place every alternate Thursday from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm - dates listed below. If you require further information please call 01277 725907.

7 & 21 September; 5 & 19 October; 2, 16 & 30 November; 14 December

Genes for Jeans Day

This worthy charity day falls on Friday 22 September when children are welcome to come to school in denim for which we will be asking for a £1 donation. We will also be having a special lunch that day.

St Luke's Hospice

We would like to congratulate Daisy Lucas, Chloe White and Naomi Smith-Alford for completing a 5K Super Hero fun run during the holidays and raising funds in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Well done girls!