



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term ~ Issue 1 ~ Friday 6 September 2024

## Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

### Dear parents/carers,

Our first full week in school has been a successful week with new learning well under way across all the school. It has been fantastic to see so many happy faces on all the pupils – and staff - as they returned to school this week.

A special welcome to our five new Nursery pupils, who appeared to be taking their first day as part of our school family very much in their strides! I look forward to seeing where our learning will take all of us over the next weeks and to sharing this with you here, via our Facebook page, our website and upcoming parent information events.

Please look out for dates for our annual 'Meet the Teacher' events across school in the week starting the 16<sup>th</sup> September. This is an opportunity to visit school and meet the staff.

**Please continue to read the newsletter each week**, it contains details on timings of events and also the expectations on what the children will need. If you have any ideas of improvements we can make to our newsletter then please speak to Miss Caygill or Dawn in the office. We want our newsletter to be useful to you at home alongside sharing the events and learning that is happening in school each week.

Enjoy your weekend

**Miss Caygill**

## This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



All the children have had a super week in school with their learning, attitudes and behavior. We have been especially impressed with our new Nursery children who have settled in well to school.

We will start our Star learners next week in assembly where we look forward to **seeing parents/cares and other family members joining us at 9.10 in the school hall.**

Nursery children will not join us in assembly at the start of term and we will build up to them joining us from half-term

### Attendance

Class 1-100%  
Class 2-95.56%  
Class 3-97.44%  
Whole School-97.98%

### Upcoming Dates



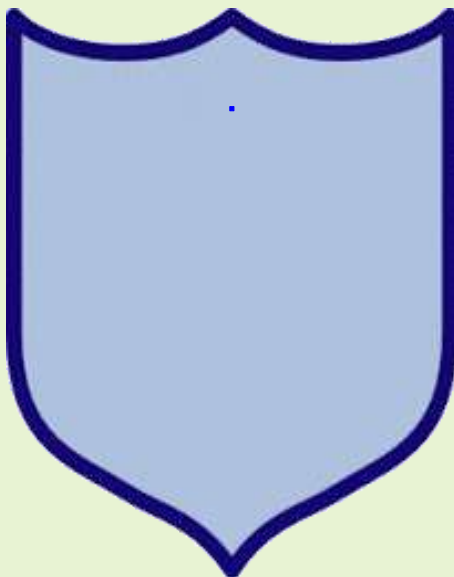
#### Clubs for the Autumn term

**Tuesday**-Yoga 3.15-4.30pm  
**Wednesday** – Muddy Paws Gardening & Forest School Club – 3:15 – 4:15pm **for Class 1 only**  
**Thursday** – Zumba – 3:15 – 4.15pm  
and Library Club (for pupils & their families)– 3:15- 3.40pm

#### School Library

From Thursday 19th September the school library will be open after school on a Thursday evening from 3.20 until 3.45 for children, siblings and parents to browse, borrow/return a book and read together. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Friday**-Multi-skills with Mr. B



## **New Gates**

Thank you to everyone for bearing with us as the new entrance systems in school become established. We have had a few issues this week with the gates not having their latch/bolt pushed across when people are leaving the site. Please can you ensure that you close the gate and slide it across on exit from the top and bottom gates in school? Also, please speak to any grandparents who pick up the children on a regular basis, so they know about our new system. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Swimming for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in September**

Children in **years 3, 4, 5 and 6** will start their annual swimming lessons on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** for 10 weeks, the last session is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – omitting Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (half term). The cost to parents is £50 per child - £5 per week, thanks to a donation of £600 from the PTFA and school will use £670 of the Sports grant. A payment has been set up on Parentpay, where you can pay either in instalments or the whole balance.

## **Clubs September 2024**

Tuesday-Yoga (Y1-Y6)

Wednesday – Gardening Club

Thursday-Streetdance /Zumba (Y3-Y6)

Friday Multi-skills through Mr. Bullock (All age groups)

**We will carry forward the children who were already signed up to a club, unless you tell us otherwise. Please let us know if your child would like to start one or more of the clubs. These are a super opportunity to explore a range of different activities to enhance the learning of your children. Mr. Bullock will send out forms for Multi-skills club.**

## **PTFA - ASDA "Cashpot for Schools"**

If you shop at ASDA please help us raise money for our school, all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTFA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

So, please spread the word by telling friends and grandparents as they can help raise funds too.

See the leaflet attached for more details

Thank you

## **PE Days - Reminder**

Please can children continue to come into school in their PE kits for their class PE days? **Also if a child is attending after school clubs they will need to wear their PE kits.** The PE days for each class are below.

Swimming on a Wednesday is for Class 2 and Class 3, children will bring their swimming kit in a bag and will need to wear their usual school uniform on these days. Swimming will be one session of PE for KS2 and they will begin Zumba next term

**Class 1-Thursday and Friday (including Nursery on Fridays only)**

**Class 2- Friday**

**Class 3-Friday**

## **Meet the Teacher-Information Events**

In the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of September we will be holding our annual meet the teacher events. This is an opportunity to meet the teacher/staff in your child's class. There is an opportunity to find out about the class routines and the learning taking place this term. It is also a time to ask any questions around your child/children and find out how they have settled into new routines or classes. Please try and join us for this event in school. **The events will run from 3.30-4.00 each day in the classrooms.**

Class 1-Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.00

Class 2- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.00

Class 3-Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.00

We are very excited to announce that flutes were delivered to school this week in preparation for music lessons starting next week for the whole of KS2. This will be an hourly lesson each week delivered by a specialist teacher that will include a range of musical activities that teach the national curriculum for music, including learning to play a musical instrument. We look forward to hearing beautiful sounds in school over the coming weeks!

## Attendance/Medical Appointments

### **Holidays in Term time**

Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress for all children. **Please note that penalty notices will be issued to parents/carers for unauthorised absence during this academic school year.**

The school will be closely monitoring all absences and patterns of absence to ensure our attendance figures return to our normal level of 97 to 98% - this may include requesting confirmation of appointments etc. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly in line with the government regulations.

**See information below from NYES-Published July 2024**

### ***Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave of absence taken in term time:***

*From the 19th of August 2024 only 2 Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any 2nd Penalty Notice issued within that period is charged at a higher rate:*

- *The first Fixed Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *A second Fixed Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*
- *A third Fixed Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.*
- *In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering Prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Attendance Legal Interventions.*

### **Medical Appointments**

Please ensure where possible that all medical appointments are made outside school hours. We understand that this may not always be achievable but would urge you to ensure that your child has the highest attendance levels as possible. If your child has a medical appointment during school time we may ask for confirmation of the appointment.