



Newsletter

Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Andrea Brierley to the school team. Mrs Brierley is a Teaching Assistant and is currently working with the infants. She has many years experience and we welcome her to the team.



Term Time Holidays



In September 2013 new legislation on school attendance will come into force. This is to ensure that all pupils attend school regularly and to challenge the expectation that 10 days can be authorised for term time holidays. The amendment to the new law states that 'if children are taken away for a two week holiday every year and have an average number of days off for sickness and appointments, then by the time they leave school at sixteen they will have missed a year of school'. This is obviously detrimental to a child's academic achievement. The amendment also states that 90% of pupils with attendance of 96% and above achieved a Level 4 in English and Maths at the end of KS2 in 2010/11. Good attendance ensures children benefit from education and achieve their full potential. Fixed Penalty Notices will continue to be issued for unauthorised absences but the time scale for parents to pay these will also be reduced.

From September 2013 Medical appointments will also count as an authorised absence but your child will not receive the 100% attendance award.

There is no entitlement for parents to take children out of school for term time holidays and currently we assess each request 'case by case'. From September we will be abiding by the new law and we will not be authorising term time holidays. Requests may still be made for an absence in 'exceptional circumstances' and these will continue to be assessed 'case by case' by our Governing Body. If you have already had a holiday request approved in 2013-2014 it will be unauthorised. We will not, however, issue a Fixed Penalty Notice in these cases as they have already been approved.



Election Day

Can we remind all parents that school is **open** on Thursday 9th May? We had published that we would be closed as a Polling Station but you may recall that we closed in November 2012 for the Police Commissioner election instead.

Parentmail

We have recently upgraded to Parent Mail 2. Please check your email account including your junk mail filter to ensure you have received your registration details for Parent Mail 2.

Parent Mail 1 will no longer function from May 2013 but you can start using Parent Mail 2 straight away to pay for dinner money, school trips and receive updated from school such as letters and newsletters.

If you have not received your registration details for Parent Mail 2 please contact the office and we will be happy to resend them for you.

Eco-Maniacs!



We would like to introduce to you our new group of Eco-Maniacs! This is a group of children dedicated to making our school more eco-friendly. The children have met with Mrs Evans and have come up with an action plan. They would like to see a reduction in litter, healthier packed lunches with a reduction in waste, a saving in our energy bills with greater responsibility taken with turning off taps and light switches, and encouraging more wildlife to our school grounds. The children have come up with some very sensible and responsible ideas and they will be communicating more

Care Club at Half Term



This year half term will be for two weeks. We finish school on Friday 24th May and return on Monday 10th June. If you need any childcare for the holidays please contact Debbie Warren, Care Club Leader on 07921283041. We still have some vacancies.

Contact Details

Please all remember to update the office when you have a change in contact details.

People often change mobile numbers and works telephone numbers and forget to update the school.

Your contact details are used in emergencies – if we can't get hold of you if your child is unwell this causes unnecessary upset to your child.

If you think some of your contact details may have changed please contact the office as soon as possible so we can check we have the correct details on file.



★ Stars in their eyes ★

Stars in their eyes auditions will be held this Saturday (27th April) at 3.30pm.

Dress Rehearsal will be held Friday 17th May.

Grand Final will be held Saturday 18th May.



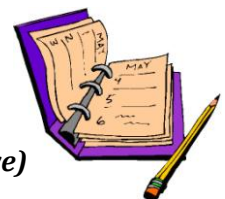
BAG2SCHOOL

This week we have send home Bag2School bags. The bags can be filled with items that can be re-used such as Adults and Children's clothing, Bedding, Soft Toys, Paired Shoes, Hats, Belts and handbags.

For each 10KG of clothing collected the school gets £5. So please bring along as much unwanted items as possible.

The collection will be on Friday 3rd May at 09.00am.

Holiday Reminder



May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2013

Half Term

Monday 27th May 2013-Friday 7th June 2013 (inclusive)

Summer Term Ends

School closes at 3.15pm Friday 19th July 2013

New School Year Begins

School starts back Wednesday 4th September 2013