

Welcome back to our school Spring Term. We hope you all had a restful and happy holiday.

### Thank You!

We raised **£ 417.41** for The Royal British Legion by selling poppy's wrist bands etc in school.



Thank you for your generous donations.

### Christmas Fundraising

We thank all parents and carers who supported us in a range of fundraising activities held in December. We hope that you enjoyed participating in these community events. We intend to hold more events in the near future to help raise money towards buying android tablets for the children to use in school.

### Mr Thorp's Surgery

Mr Thorp is available for his next parent drop in sessions on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. If you want to speak to him or ask any questions, please just come to the school office.

### Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Notes/Location
January			
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Reopens	8.50am	-
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 SATs Meeting	9am	School Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 SATs Meeting	9am	School Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> January	New Reception parents Stay & Play session	11am	EYFS
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Mr Thorp's Surgery	2pm	In school
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Handwriting Competition Opens	-	-
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing Date for Reception Applications	-	Completed online
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Early Years Coffee Morning	9am – 10.30am	School Hall
24 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Launch Meeting	2.30 – 3.10pm	In School
25 <sup>rd</sup> January	Handwriting Competition Deadline	-	-
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception 'Snuggle up with a Book'	2.30pm	In School
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Craft Sessions (Ticket Only)	9am & 2pm	School Hall
February			
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Learning Showcase	2.30pm	School Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Learning Showcase	2.30pm	School Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Learning Showcase	2.30pm	School Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Learning Showcase	2.30pm	School Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Learning Showcase	2.30pm	School Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Learning Showcase	2.30pm	School Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Learning Showcase	2.30pm	In School
15 <sup>th</sup> February	100% Attendance Reward	During the Day	-
15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Half-Term	3.10pm	-
25 <sup>th</sup> February	School Reopens	8.50am	-

### School Lunch Increase

We would like to remind you that school lunch prices increased from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to the following:

Nursery child = **£1.60 per day/£8.00 per week**

Primary child = **£1.80 per day/£9.00 per week**

Please ensure that you pay your child's lunches via parent pay account. If you have any issues with your account, please see a member of the office staff

### Packed Lunches from Home

We ask all parents to ensure that they send their child's packed lunch into school with them at 08:50am and not throughout the morning, as this disturbs the children's learning time.

### Breakfast Club

Can we remind parents that all children must be accompanied to the entrance doors of our Breakfast Club and wait with them until the Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am.

The staff are not responsible for the children until a parent hands over their child at the Breakfast Club doors at 8:00am.

Thank you

### Is your child due to start Reception in September 2019?

The closing date for applications to our Reception classes in September 2019 is rapidly approaching. Entry to our Reception classes is not automatic even if you are already in our nursery. If your child is due to start Reception in September 2019, please ensure you have completed the online application by **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. If you need help, just let a member of staff know and we would be more than happy to help.

If you want to know more about what learning is like in Reception classes, please come and join us for our Stay and Play Session on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 11am**. The session will be a great way of you seeing the difference between nursery and reception and a chance to ask any questions you may have.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 2019**

### Late Children

Classroom doors close at 8.55am each morning. If your child is late to school, they must be accompanied into the school building by an adult so that we can record the reason for being late.

**Wakey, wakey. Rise and shine.  
Be in the line for 10 to 9!**

### Attendance Update

We continue to keep a high focus on attendance. Our target is 96% and we are currently at **94.6%**.

For sore throats, colds, coughs and tummy aches, we would ask that you administer Calpol and send your child to school as normal. We will always contact you if things get any worse. If your child has a tummy bug and has been sick, they no longer have to stay off school for 48 hours – it is at your discretion as to when you think they are ready to come back, even if it's the next day.

We also ask that you do not book holidays in term time. Not only will this mean that your child will miss important learning in school, but it also means that you will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child.

### Nut free School

We have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. To help us ensure we keep all children safe in school can all parents be mindful of the following:

- Avoiding giving children any types of nuts in their school lunches eg Snickers. Bueno etc.
- Avoiding giving peanut butter/nutella sandwiches, other spreads or snack bars containing nuts or labelled "may contain nut traces" in school lunches
- Ask your child **not** to share their lunch.



### Homework

You should now have received your new homework calendar. Don't worry if you misplace it, you can find a copy on our school website, in your child's class area.

We have also updated the learning area of the website with online games to support learning. Why not check it out!

### PE Kits

All children have PE lessons each week which fall on the same day. Each child should have

- black or dark shorts,
- a white t-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- pumps or trainers.

Please ensure your child has their PE Kit in school on that day. If you are unsure which day your child has PE on, please speak to your class teacher.

### Learning Showcase

This half term sees the launch of our new approach to teaching and learning of the foundation subjects. We will now be delivering these through an approach called the International Primary Curriculum. Each half term, you will be sent home a Curriculum Map so you know what learning is taking place in school. At the end of each unit, come and celebrate their learning with your child at their Learning Showcase. Further information will be given nearer the time. Want to know more about IPC? Check out the International Primary Curriculum page on our website.

### Parent Teacher Association

We are looking for volunteer parents/carers, who will be willing to join our new PTA. The group will be involved in a range of fundraising activities and helping us with the organization of school and community events. If you are interested, please attend our first meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2:30pm. A letter will be sent home nearer the time.

### School Uniform

Just a polite reminder – please ensure your child has appropriate school shoes for school and not trainers. Pupils can change into trainers for playtime and for PE lessons.



