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Newsletter - 17th June 2022

Dear parents,

Phew – what a scorcher!

Well, we have had a few days of sunny and warm weather. Pleasant days such as these are generally accompanied by emails from my own children's school with dire warning of the consequences of not keeping safe in the "extreme" heat. Meanwhile around the world children are at school as normal each day in temperatures well above 30 degrees for months at a time.

Putting "panic button Britain" to one side for a moment, please do send your child to school with a full, clean water bottle, an application of sun cream and a decent sun hat. Children can refill their bottles during the school day.

Anyway, rest assured that these few days of sunshine will likely be followed by a rainy weekend just to foil any plans we had to go camping with our children.

Choir concerts next week

Just a reminder that the KS2 choir will be performing their concert at the Assembly Hall Theatre on Tuesday 21st June at 7pm. Children who are in the choir need to be dropped off at the Assembly Halls on Tuesday morning, between 8:45-9am. They will need dropping off there again in the evening, at 6:30pm. Thanks to all the children in the KS2 choir for all of their hard work so far. We can't wait to perform for those of you who are attending the concert. We have been told that there are a few tickets left for our show on the Tuesday, so if you would like to come along, head over to the Assembly Hall website for tickets.

Free School Meals to families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

The government has permanently extended free school meal eligibility to children in all households with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) – please click on the link below to see if you may qualify.

If you think this could apply to you, please click on the following website to check and if you are eligible then contact Dawn Johnson in the school office.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/no-recourse-to-public-funds-free-school-meals

Late children

I have asked the staff manning the gates to close them at 8:55am sharp each day as this is the school starting time. I know some adults on some gates were keeping them open a little longer, but we do need to be consistent. Registration times are already extended over 10 minutes; any longer begins to encroach into learning time.





If your child will arrive at their entrance gate/door at 8:55 or later, please take them to the office to be signed in. An adult needs to sign in children who are late. Thank you.

School trips and other expenses

If any of you have any difficulty in meeting the costs for school trips or other school expenses, or paying for these would cause you any financial worry/distress, please get in touch with the school. It is really important that you do so. As the cost of living continues to increase, we will do our best to keep costs to parents to a minimum.

Our usual process is for the school to subsidise part of the cost for every school trip. This is going to change - we will no longer do this for all parents as we would like to direct that support to those parents who really need it. It is therefore very important that you get in touch.

Harp lessons

Would your child like to learn the harp? Lessons start at £13.75/month and you don't have to have a harp at home. Please email our harp teacher Nickki if you are interested: plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk

Key Stage 2 Accelerated Reader

Challenge Winners for Term 5 2022

Well done to all the KS2 classes for taking part in our Accelerated Reader challenges each week. Below are last term's winners and our winners for this week.

Term 5 winners:

Highest Individual Word Count	Highest Number of Quizzes Passed	Highest Class Word Count
Divit in Dormouse Class	Aria in Chaffinch Class	Kestrel Class
1,411,627 words	90 quizzes	6,458,248 words

This week's winners:

Highest Individual Word Count	Highest Number of Quizzes Passed	Highest Class Word Count
Faith in Swift Class	Divit in Dormouse Class	Swift Class
408,993 words	28 quizzes	1,599,768 words

Happy reading everyone!

Ms Simpson

Nourish Food bank

There is now a collection station by the school office for those wishing to make a donation. All donations will be very gratefully accepted.

Key dates for this term

21st June KS1 & KS2 singing festivals

21st June New reception parents welcome evening

29th June Sharing learning (8:45 to 9:30am) - come and see your child's learning!

4th July Year 6 residential 7th July Discos years R to 5





12th & 14th July Parent consultations (except Y5) 13th July Sports Day whole school (provisional)

16th July PTA summer fair

18th July (w/c) Year 3 trips to Carroty Woods this week 18th July Year 6 productions (afternoon and evening)

18th July Infant church service (afternoon) & Year 6 evening production

20th July Junior church service (afternoon) – Year 6 leavers'

21st July Last day of term 6

2nd September First day of new school year

Thank you all, as always.

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