

Monday 10th September

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and were able to make the most of the lovely weather. Welcome also to all the new children and their parents joining Years 1 and 2. The school has settled well so far and Year R have started part-time this week and will be full-time from next Monday.

Once again this year we have lots of exciting events planned for the children and a big focus for us will be on **Reading to Learn** for example, reading to enhance learning across the curriculum. This will include developing reading through our projects which will also help improve children's writing.

Thank you for all funds raised from the Grow a Pound project over the summer holidays. Please don't forget about this as it is our first fundraiser for the year, if you could send in any monies raised as soon as possible that would be most appreciated. Last year you raised about £800. The first fundraising meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 13th September at 9.15am and everyone is welcome to come along.

With this letter are important dates for the year so please can I ask that you keep it safe.

You may have noticed a lovely new climbing structure going up in the Early Years play-ground which we have bought out of our Sports Grant. Please can I reiterate that children are not permitted on this structure unless a member of staff is present. The gates onto the Early Years playground will be kept locked until 3.15pm and at the end of the day Butterflies will be brought out to the playground to meet the parents. Ladybirds will come out of the main doors the children come into school by. As they finish before KS1 this should not cause congestion. We will be monitoring this closely. Hopefully this will prevent pre -school children from climbing unattended. Thank you for your help with this.

Lunchtime Clubs for Year 2

Lunch time clubs for Year 2 will be starting at the end of September and we will be talking to the children about them soon. They can join as many as they wish and have the opportunity to try the clubs over the first couple of weeks if they are not sure. Children wishing to join recorders will need a recorder and book. These can be purchased from the school office.

Eco Elves and School Council

Over the next few weeks the children will have the opportunity to apply to be an Eco Elf or a School Council member. Details of how to apply will be sent home shortly. Secret voting will take place for these groups by the children. These groups have the opportunity to work with other councillors from different schools on this campus.

All of the clubs start at 12.30pm, after the children have eaten their lunch. We ensure that they also have some playtime.

After school football

Just a reminder that football club is held in the school with a coach after school on Tuesdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm. There is a charge for the club for the six week period up until half term it is payable directly to the coach. Year R children are welcome to attend after the Christmas holiday.

Tennis after school

This is a free club offered to children in Year Two initially and we have already asked for names to be put forward. Unfortunately, our previous coach has a new job so tennis may fall on a different day and I'm not sure when it will start. I will let you know in due course.

The Lunch Bunch

As last year we have special lunch time jobs that the children will be applying for at lunch times. These include Dinner Directors, Lunch time Look outs and Playground Prefects. Your child will have the opportunity to apply for these jobs and each class will make their choices with Mrs Davies our Senior Midday Meals Supervisor. All the children are encouraged to have good manners at lunch times and some are chosen each week to sit at the Top Table.

Can I please ask that you encourage your child to use a knife and fork. We are trying really hard to encourage their use at school and obviously to reinforce good manners at the table. Also, just a reminder that we have several children with nut allergies so could I ask that you not send your child to school with nuts in their packed lunches including peanut butter and nutella.

Eco Week

This starts on Monday 15th October. During this week we will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly and we will invite all grandparents and senior citizens to this. We also hope that some of you will join us for our Grounds Day where we tidy up the grounds for the winter and plant bulbs for the Spring. If you are able to help on that day or for part of it, please come along and bring any gardening tools you have. You may also like to donate some bulbs to plant with your child. I will provide you with more detail in due course.

Welcome Meeting for parents

Please come along to the welcome meeting for your child's year group. The teachers will be sharing details about the whole year with you and talking to you about the first Home Learning for this term's project. It will also be a chance for you to ask any questions you may have. If you are new to our school you will find this meeting especially helpful. You will also be given a Welcome pack.

Open Day for pre- school parents

As usual we are holding two open mornings for pre-school parents on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st October 9.30am-10.30am. This will be a chance to visit the school and children are most welcome to attend with their parents.

Workshops for parents

We are holding four workshops this term for parents. Please come along and find out how we teach and there will be time to work alongside your child. We will be having a Reading and Phonics workshop and a Maths workshop this half term and RRE and ICT after half term.

Open evening for parents

Year R staff will be holding an after school meeting for parents after the first few weeks of settling in.

Well Done assembly

This takes place every Friday in the hall after registration and lasts usually about 30 minutes. If your child is in the Well Done Book you will be notified and are welcome to attend. We also celebrate birthdays from Sunday to Saturday and the children are also welcome to show any awards received outside of school.

Fareham Schools Partnership

With the extra government funding for PE again we have enlisted the help of a sports coach and have been allocated George Davis this year who will be working with Year Two initially one morning a week.

Health and Safety

Your child's health and safety is a major priority at this school and we have various policies and procedures in place. As we have just started a new school year we are reminding the children about keeping themselves safe and would appreciate your help to reinforce this. We have been talking to them about the following;

- telling a grown up if they are hurt or unwell
- talking to a grown up if they feel sad for any reason
- keeping safe when crossing roads and crossing in front of the school barrier
- fire safety and what to do for the fire drill or in case of a real fire
- stranger danger
- personal hygiene
- safety on the internet

May I also remind you that children are not permitted on the playground equipment before or after school and must not ride bikes or scooters on the school premises. Thank you for your help with this.

Can I also ask that all clothing is labelled, as we encourage children to look after their personal items. Thank you for the uniform that you have donated we do not require any more at present and will advise you if we need any assistance with this.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all again.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Collins
Head teacher

Dates for the Autumn Term 2018

Year R begin full-time	Monday 10 th September
Year 1 meeting for parents	Tuesday 11 th September at 2.40pm
Year 2 meeting for parents	Wednesday 12 th September 2.40pm
Fundraising meeting for parents	Thursday 13 th September at 9.15am
Keep Safe Week begins	Monday 17 th September
Year 2 clubs start	Monday 24 th September
Mike Homer to talk about Poppy Day	Monday 24 th September
Books on sale in the hall for a week	from Wednesday 26 th September
Phonics and Reading workshop for parents	Monday 1 st October at 9.15am
Year One end of project celebration	Friday 12 th October at 2.45pm
Eco Week begins	Monday 15 th October
Year R end of project celebration	Monday 15 th October at 2.45pm
Harvest assembly for senior citizens	Tuesday 16 th October at 9.30am
Year Two end of project celebration	Wednesday 17 th October at 2.40pm
Grounds Day	Friday 19 th October
Break up for half term	Friday 19th October
Back to school	Monday 29th October
Open mornings for Pre-schools	Tuesday 30 th and Wednesday 31 st October 9.30am-10.30am
School Photographer	Thursday 1 st November
RRE (Rights Respecting Education) Week	Monday 5 th November at 9.15am
RRE workshop for parents	
Parent/Pupil/Teacher meetings KS1	week beginning Monday 12 th November
Open evening for Early Years	Monday 26 th November from 3.30pm
Problem Solving Week beginning	Monday 26 th November
Flu vaccination	Thursday 29 th November
Problem solving workshop for parents	Thursday 29 th November at 9.15am
Christmas Fayre	Friday 7 th December at 2pm
Christmas Concerts	Monday 10 th , Tuesday 11 th and Wednesday 12 th December at 9.30am
Christmas Carols	Friday 14 th December at 9.15am
Christmas Disco	Thursday 13 th December 5.30pm-7pm
Giving assembly (children only)	Monday 17 th December
Christmas Party	Wednesday 19 th December pm
Sleeping Beauty performed for the school	Friday 21 st December
Break up for Christmas	Friday 21st December at 1.30pm

Dates for Spring Term 2019

Back to school	Tuesday 8th January
Multi Media Week beginning	Monday 14 th January
Multi-Media workshop for parents	Wednesday 16 th January at 9.15am
The Arts fortnight beginning	Monday 4 th February
KS1 trips to Southampton Art Gallery	Details later
Break up for half term	Friday 15th February

Back to school	Monday 25th February
Book Week begins	Monday 4 th March
Story teller and Musician Winston	Monday 4 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Parent/Pupil teacher meetings Yr R and KS1	week beginning Monday 25 th March
Easter Disco	Thursday 4 th April 5.30-7pm
Break up for Easter	Friday 5th April

Dates for Summer Term 2019

Back to school	Wednesday 24rd April
Well Being Week beginning	Monday 29 th April
Year group trips	week beginning Monday 13 th
	May/Details later
Break up for half term	Friday 24th May

Back to school	Monday 3rd June
International Project begins	Monday 3 rd June
Parent/pupil/teacher meetings	week beginning Monday 24 th June
Winston all day	Wednesday 26 th June
Keeping Fit and Healthy week beginning	Monday 8 th July
Fun Sports and Picnic	Monday 8 th July 11am-1pm
Summer Disco	Thursday 11 th July 5.30pm-7pm
Year 2 Day for Change	Friday 12 th July 9.30am-10.30am
Summer Concerts at 9.30am	Monday 15 th , Tuesday 16 th , Wednesday 17 th July all at 9.30am
Year Two Leavers assembly	Thursday 18 th July at 9.30am
Performance of Jungle Book for the children	Friday 19 th July
Break up for Summer Holiday	Friday 19th July at 1.30pm

INSET days this year

Monday 3rd September
Monday 7th January
Tuesday 23rd April
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July