

New year, new term

It is good to be back after a lovely long holiday, and we have had a very good start. The children have settled very well into their new classes and they all look very happy and ready to learn. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

A lot of work was carried out in the holidays. We have had a new fire alarm system, the main corridor was painted, the big hall had a total revamp, we had a new kitchen fitted into the early years unit, and the school had a big clean. It's looking good! It's a beautiful building that appreciates a little TLC! School is looking good.

So, what's ahead for the year? Teachers have planned some amazing work for the children and there will be trips and visitors that support the learning. Christmas is our next biggest seasonal event and we are already starting to make plans. Inspectors will be making another visit this term and we are looking forward to them seeing the progress since their last visit. Many visitors have commented "it's like a different school". We are very proud of the progress but the best progress has been in the children's learning.

School Holiday Programme

This was extremely successful again. This year we included two trips out, one to the beach and one up the mountain and we also extended our crafts sessions. The food was amazing, the sports sessions were fantastic and very different. The children were remarkable!! We had a good giggle and the children certainly won the water fight! Pictures will be released soon! Fingers crossed that the funding will be there again next year for us. If you were not involved in the programme this year but would like to join us next year please let us know so that we can start planning for the funding.

<u>Uniform</u>

The children look amazing in their new uniform. I am pleased to see that our policy has suited all families. It has been helpful working together on this and we appreciate your support. We will accept hoodies as they are red and may suit your child at this age. However, we would like to ask that you do not put your child's name on the back of the hoodie, whether it be Christian name or surname. It is a safeguarding concern but it also does not fit into the criteria of our school policy. I understand that you feel it prevents losing the garment but we would prefer that you put the school logo onto the garment with your child's initials. You can also write your child's name on the inside using permanent marker. Our uniform policy has taken into account parent views but if you have any other views and suggestions please let us know. Uniform is important for you and school.

End of day handover

This week we have been reviewing the handover procedures at the end of the day due to the alarming circumstances witnessed on Tuesday. We have been reviewing it daily and I think we have now resolved the matter to ensure that all children are SAFE!!! School has been in communication with relevant parents in this process and their support has been fantastic. The changes being made are to ensure EVERYONE is safe!

We are looking for another parent to join the governing body. Letters coming home soon.

Pupil allergies

You have received a letter explaining the changes in circumstances regarding the little girl who was suffering with potential life threatening allergies. Just to reiterate, family and school are extremely grateful for your support and we are delighted that this little girl can now join in more school activities. You should see the smiles on her face!! It is an absolute pleasure and she is looking forward to the PTA events!!

Diary Dates	
Sept 10th	Teachers will send out class newsletters Road safety assembly - School gate banner competition
Sept 12th	PTA meeting in school - all welcome. Please come along at 9am
Sept 13th	Year 6. Peer support training
Sept 14th	All parent consent forms and information to be into school for computer input
Sept 18th	School photographs
Oct 22nd	Open evening for parents. Parents can come and look at classrooms and chat with staff. Tea and coffee available.
Oct 29th	Half term holiday
Nov 5th	Guy Fawkes night
Nov 9th	Wear blue day to support anti bullying
Nov 12th	Anti-Bullying week. All classes have this as a focus.
Nov 26th	Parent meetings to discuss pupil progress
Dec 3rd	Parent meetings to discuss pupil progress
Dec 10th	Christmas concerts this week. Dates to be confirmed.
Dec 21st	Last day before the end of term
Jan 7th	INSET day - training day for staff
Jan 8th	Children start back to school for spring term