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Newsletter - September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been really interesting listening to all the exciting activities, trips, and holidays the children have had over the summer.

Everyone has returned with lots of enthusiasm and looking very smart. This is a quick newsletter to inform you of a few changes we have made for this year as well as giving you a few dates, there are many more but at the moment they are not confirmed.

Clubs

Please find the enclosed clubs list. All external clubs will begin on the dates given by the provider, all school organised clubs will begin week commencing 17th September.

Reading

We will be sending all the children home with a home school diary in which the children need to record the reading that they are doing. In the parent introductory meetings the class teachers will provide further information if necessary.

In our celebration assemblies each class will nominate a reader of the week. These children from Key Stage 2 in the first half of the term will then be escorted by myself across the road to read a story of their own choice to children at Saplings.

Next Thursday 13th September is Roald Dahl day and we will be celebrating his books with a variety of activities during the day.

Normal Magic

As you are aware we have been looking at the importance of mental health and last school year we sent some information about this. To continue we have received additional training and during the term, our Year 6 children will be supported in delivering Magic information to the rest of the classes.

We have also been successful in being able to provide an information session for parents. This will be on Wednesday 3rd October. Further information to follow.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that when arriving and leaving school, children do not play on any of the playground equipment, ride their bikes or scooters on school premises or walk in the staff car park. If children are riding bikes or scooters to school, they must also wear helmets. Please also ensure that all long hair is tied back.

Homework

We have been reviewing homework across the school and would like to make sure that all children are following the school homework policy.

To ensure this, each child in Year 2 -6 will have a homework book in which to write their homework down. All these classes will be given their homework on a Thursday, which will need to be completed and back in school on the following Tuesday.

We will be providing a homework club to support children with their homework.

Children who do not complete their homework will be invited to complete it on Wednesday lunchtime.

	Minutes per night	Minutes per week
Foundation	10 mins reading and word work.	
Year 1	10 mins reading and spelling	
Year 2	10 mins reading and spelling	1 piece of Maths, Topic or English. 20 mins
Year 3	10 mins reading, spelling and multiplication facts	Maths 20 mins English 20 mins
Year 4	15 mins reading, spelling and multiplication facts	Maths 20 mins English 30 mins
Year 5	15 mins reading, spelling and multiplication facts	Maths 30 mins English 30 mins
Year 6	15 mins reading, spelling and multiplication facts	Maths 40 mins English 40 mins

Dates for the Autumn Term

Dates for the term		Class Assemblies (Usually Fridays but subject to change)	
September			
6 th	Year 4 and 5 going to the Ipplepen archeologic site to dig		
13 th	Roald Dahl Day		
19 th	Assembly – by Richard Kelly on Martial Arts		
26 th	Parents' meeting 3.30- repeated at 4.00pm		
29 th	PTA event Cocktails and Gin		
October			
3 rd	Parents Meeting – Normal Magic (Mental Health) Training		
5 th	US Eco-council trip		
Week beginning 8 th	Bikeability for Year 5 and 6		
11 th	Key stage 1 and Foundation Grandparents afternoon tea		
Week beginning 15 th – 19 th	Bikeability for Year 5 and 6 Local studies week		
17 th	History Society lunch and assembly		
19 th	Last day of term		
November			
5 th	First day back		
7 th	Work showing 3:30 – 4:30pm		
7 th	Year 5 and 6 Digital communication		
8 th	School open morning for prospective parents of 2019 Foundation stage children		

14 th	Flu vaccinations		
16 th	Children in Need		
23 rd	Tempest – individual school photographs		
26 th	Year 6 Christmas Experience at Buckfast Abbey		
December			
10 th	Parents evening		
10 th	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance – dress rehearsal to grandparents		
11 th	2.00 pm Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance		
12 th	6.00 pm Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance		
13 th	Parents evening		
19 th	Children's Christmas lunch		
21 st	School finishes for Christmas holiday at 3:20pm		
January			
7 th	School opens at 8:45am		
9 th	M and M productions – Robin Hood		