



Information for Families.

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Visit to Duxford

Thank you to all those who have returned their permission slips. If you have not yet done so, please return to the school office as soon as possible. We will be leaving school at 8am. Please bring your child to school at 7.50 so that we can register the children before getting on the coaches. We will be gathering in the hall. Reception children should come in through the main entrance. Year 1 and 2 children should come into school via the door from the playground into the school front entrance. Please make sure your child has been to the toilet just before leaving home to ensure our departure is not delayed. If your child has not ordered a school packed lunch they will need to bring a packed lunch from home. Please ensure your child has a drink in their lunch box and a separate drink bottle. We will provide the children with a morning and afternoon snack. If your child will require travel sickness medication then we can administer this before their journey home. Please collect a medication permission form from the school office and ensure that any required medication is brought to school on Thursday 9th June. Please do not bring the medication on the morning of the visit as completing forms will delay our departure. The children need to wear school uniform and bring a waterproof coat in case of bad weather. If the weather is warm they also need to bring a sun hat. Please ensure that you have applied sun cream before bringing them to school. The majority of the activities we will be doing are indoors, but we hope to have a picnic lunch. We hope to be back at around 4pm, although due to unknown traffic conditions this could change slightly. We will send an e mail to you around half an hour before our return to school. If you have any further questions please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help on the visit. We will let you know by the end of the week whether or not we need your help on this occasion.

Classes for September

Due to the numbers of children we have coming into reception in September it is necessary to organise the classes into 2 Reception/Year 1 classes and 2 Year 1/2 classes. The children will be mixed using a range of factors including age, ability and friendships. This year the children will spend two mornings with their new class teacher on the 30th June and the 13th July. You will be able to meet your child's new teacher at our Open Evening on the 5th July.

Year 2 trip to Whitlingham

The children will be visiting Whitlingham Outdoor Education Centre on June 23rd to take part in a range of outdoor activities including sailing, bouldering, suction archery and kata-canoeing. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to try activities that they may not have done before. Further details and permission slips will be sent out after half term.

Year 2 transition visits

The children in Year 2 will be making three visits to the Junior school next half term to prepare them for their move in September. They will be spending the morning of 22nd June, 30th of June and 13th July at the Junior school. For the first two visits staff will take them over and collect them at the end of the morning. For the final visit the children will need to be dropped straight to the Junior school in the morning so they can see how their morning routine differs and they will stay for lunch. The Junior school will give you further details about this after half term.

Phonic Screening Checks

Year 1 children and those children in Year 2 who did not pass the phonics check in Year 1 will be taking their phonic check during the week beginning 13th June. Could I please request that all children taking part in these checks are in school for the whole week.

Calling all gardeners!

We are still looking for a few people who may be able to help with some weeding and clearing in our wildlife area. If you have a couple of hours to spare after half term please speak to Mrs To. Thanks

Parking

Just another reminder to park considerately when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not park in the small car park opposite the school. This is a private car park for residents only and we have recently received a number of complaints. Parking around both our school and the Junior School is a focus of the local PSCO and Jan Moore will have a heightened presence over the coming weeks to address parking issues. The school car park should also not be used by parents or volunteers. I thank you for your help to keep our children safe.

Uniform for September 2016

As you know this year we have been working on a new school logo and uniform for September 2016. The school council listened to the views of pupils, parents, staff and governors and made the final decisions regarding the logo and uniform requirements. You can see the final logo on the top of this newsletter. The blue writing will be in white on the school sweatshirt and cardigan. Please find details below for the requirements of each year group. As you will see the requirements for children who are already at the school and will be in year 1 or 2 from September are slightly different from the requirements for new Reception children. As the Reception children move through the school, the requirements will become the same across all year groups. We believe wearing the correct uniform is important as it gives the children a sense of belonging and unites the school. It also ensures that children are dressed in an appropriate and practical way each day. The uniform can be purchased from the Tesco embroidery service website www.tesco.com/ues and will be delivered to your home address. We will no longer be selling school uniform in school. The school will receive a 5% donation on every purchase so by buying uniform from this site you will also be raising funds for the school.

| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
|----------------|--|---|--------|
| Uniform | Plain grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore | | |
| | Plain white polo shirt or collar blouse or shirt | | |
| | Navy round neck sweatshirt or cardigan with the new school logo | Navy round neck sweatshirt or cardigan with the new school logo or a plain navy sweatshirt or cardigan. No red or navy sweatshirts/cardigans with the old logo to be worn | |
| | Flat black shoes (Not boots or trainers) | | |
| | Blue checked gingham dresses can be worn in the Summer term only. Please note that gingham skirts or blouses are not part of our uniform. | | |
| | Navy book bag with the new school logo on | Book bag with or without the new school logo on | |
| PE Kit | White round neck t-shirt which can either be plain or have the new school logo on | | |
| | Black or navy shorts | | |
| | Black or navy jogging bottoms | | |
| | Navy hooded sweatshirt with the new school logo. (Children can wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan but no other sweatshirts/jackets can be worn) | | |
| | Draw string PE bag with or without the school logo. | | |

Other non-compulsory items available on the website are a reversible zip up jacket (waterproof one side, fleece the other), beanie hat with the school logo and baseball cap with the school logo.

Developments to the Nursery/Reception outdoor area

Over the half term break a small picket fence with a gate is going to be erected in part of the outdoor area to separate the large space into separate zones to make best use of the area. The children from both Nursery and Reception will continue to use the whole space. Please could I remind you that the children should not be playing on the equipment before or after school.

Class photos

Class photos will be on Tuesday 7th June.

Assemblies

Leavers Concert

Thursday 14th July 2pm

Reading Cafés for Reception

Tuesday 28th June 2-3pm

Maths Cafés for Year 1

Wednesday 22nd June 2-3.10pm

Writing Cafés for Year 2

Tuesday 14th June 2-3.10pm

Sharing Afternoons

Sharing afternoons will be on the following dates. The next afternoon will focus on reading with your child. School will be open from 2.45pm:
30th June

Visits to St Mary's

On May 27th the year 1 children will be going to join in with some craft activities.

Term Dates

Friday 27th May close for half term. School reopens Monday 6th June
Wednesday 20th July close for Summer.

Half term homework

Please continue to read at home over the holiday. This can be the book they have brought home from school, books you already have at home or perhaps you could visit a library to borrow some books. Please record any holiday reading in your child's reading record. All Reception and Year 1 children, as well as some children in Year 2 have had some information sent home this week about particular phonemes they need to work on at home over the holidays. It would really benefit your child's reading and writing development if you could look at these with your child several times over the holiday.

School Lunch Taste testing

NORSE are holding another taste testing session after school on Wednesday 15th June. This is a fantastic opportunity to try some of the new things on the Summer Menu.

End of Year Reports

Your child's individual school report will be sent home on Tuesday 12th July. If you would like to discuss the contents of the report then please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher after this date.

Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will be on Tuesday 5th July between 5pm and 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity to look round the school and meet your child's new teacher as well as look at your child's work.

Change of circumstances

If you have moved, have a new telephone number or your family circumstances have changed please inform the office as soon as possible. If we need to contact you because your child is unwell during the day it is important that we can contact you quickly. If you have informed us that there has been a family separation then in addition to supporting your child with this difficult time we can also ensure that both parents still receive information about school events, parent consultations and school reports.