



Information for Families.

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Farewell and Welcome

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jones and Miss Evans. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them well. We would also like to wish all the children in Year 2 good luck as they move to Junior school. We are also very pleased to have appointed Miss Creswell who will be the Deputy Head for the next year. She will be teaching in Beech class. I'm sure that lots of you have met her already at Open Evening and our new intake mornings. Miss O'Brien has also been appointed as a new classroom assistant at the school and Miss Eaton and Miss Hines are going to be our graduate interns for the year. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming them to our staff team.

Classrooms from September

In September both Beech and Oak classes will enter the school via their classroom doors that open into the EYFS garden. Children will be collected from these doors too. Maple class and Horse Chestnut class will enter school from the doors by the field next to their classroom. They will leave through the classroom doors. You are welcome to bring your child into the classroom for the first two weeks to ensure they are settled. After this time you will need to say goodbye to your child at the door and they will be expected to come into school by themselves. It would be great to see children in Year 1 and 2 coming in on their own after the first couple of days as they are already used to doing this.

Building Work

We are very excited that lots more changes will be happening over the Summer to further improve the school. We will be separating the large library space into two rooms. One will remain as a library and the other will be used for intervention groups and cooking club. We are also having the hall floor and windows replaced. In addition the hall will also be redecorated.

E mail addresses

Please can you ensure that the noreply@pupilasset e mail address is set up in your favourites to ensure that you continue to receive e mail updates and newsletters from us.

Opening Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended our Open Evening and made it a great success. We had more families visit the school than ever before which is fantastic. Also thank you to The Friends for organising refreshments.

Reception Learning Stories

I hope those parents of children in Reception will agree, that using Tapestry this year, has kept you updated about what your child is doing and achieving in school on a much more regular basis and has been an excellent way of us knowing more about your children and what they do outside of school. Now we have come to the end of the year we are in the process of putting your child's tapestry record onto a disk which you will receive before the end of term.

Reports

We hope you have found your child's report informative with regards to their achievement and progress. If you would still like to make a comment about your child's report please return the slip enclosed with your report as soon as possible.

Holiday requests

I have recently received lots of holiday requests. Please be reminded that holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and any absence of 10 consecutive sessions (5 days) or more may result in a fine being issued. In addition any child who has more than 15% unauthorised absence in a 6 week period may also result in a fine being issued. This equates to 4 ½ days absence. Any request must be made in writing to the Headteacher before the holiday is taken not on the day that you are taking your child out of school.

Change of circumstances

It is vital that we have up to date contact information in case your child falls ill or there is an emergency. 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.

Reading books and homework packs

Please could you return any reading books, library books and homework packs to school as soon as possible.

Reception and Year 1 Holiday Homework

Your child will be bringing home a holiday diary. Inside you will find suggestions of things you could include in it. We look forward to being able to share them in their new classes in September.

Term Dates

The school closes for the Summer holidays on Wednesday 20th July and reopens on Monday 5th September. We would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you a lovely Summer Holiday.

Reception Results

The amount of children in Reception who achieved the expected standard of a 'Good Level of Development' at the end of their first year of school has increased again this year to 73%. This means in the last 2 years the amount of children leaving Reception at the required standard has increased by 38%. Well done to all the children and staff in Reception who continue to work so hard to improve the outcomes in the EYFS.

Phonics check

Well done to all of the children in Year 1 and 2 who passed their phonics check this year. 10% more children in year 1 passed the check in comparison to last year bringing us to 74% pass rate. The pass rate for the Year 2 retake remains in line with the National average. Thank you for supporting your children at home with additional phonics activities.

Key Stage 1 results

The expectations of the required standard at the end of Year 2 this year has increased in comparison to previous years as we outlined at the SATS meeting for parents earlier in the year. Our results for this year are not comparable with the results from previous years as the way the children have been assessed is completely different to last year. As yet we do not have the National results for Key Stage 1 so we are unable to compare how our school has performed with others.

Reading

77% of children are working at the expected standard or better.

39% of children are working at a greater depth within the expected standard.

Writing

64% of children are working at the expected standard or better.

13% of children are working at a greater depth within the expected level.

Maths

67% of children are working at the expected standard or better.

33% of children are working at a greater depth within the expected level.

Well done to all the children and staff in Year 2. Learning from all our results will be reflected in the school development plan in September which will be available on the school website.