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Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents

E-Safety support for parents and pupils



Further to my recent letter, I am pleased to advise you that you will now find useful information on our school website in the parent's section regarding the important matter of E-safety for you and your children. We will be offering further training for parents and pupils next term. In the meantime, if you would like any further advice or guidance on this issue, please visit the website or do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to meet with you to provide support and information.

After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs this Thursday due to staff training taking place between 3.30pm and 5.30pm that evening. All clubs will resume at the usual times and days when our new term starts from Monday 3rd November 2014



Staffing Update

Mrs Kay Leonard has been teaching in our school on a temporary basis since last spring and is currently teaching our Y3 class. Regrettably, due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Leonard will be leaving us at half-term. I am pleased to advise you however that Mr Bloor and Mrs Murray will be teaching them next term until Christmas, after which time we hope to have appointed a permanent teacher for our Y3 class.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Leonard for her hard work and support for our school during the last few months and to wish her well in the future. Parents of children in Y3 will have the opportunity to meet Mr Bloor or Mrs Murray at parent's evenings after half-term.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr Mark Gibbin, one of our teaching assistants and we would like to thank him for his hard work during his time with us and to wish him every success in the future too!



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School Photos

I am pleased to advise you that we will be having our school photo day on **Wednesday 5th November 2014**. In response to parental feedback, we have decided to move photo day to the Autumn Term this year as many parents told us they would like their photographs in time for Christmas. This earlier date now means that parents will be able to order individual and family group photographs in time for Christmas should you wish to. Full details will follow on Monday 3rd November but please put the date in your diaries! **For your information, family groups will be taken from 8.30am onwards on that date.**



Parents' Evenings – Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November 2014

A reminder that we will be holding parents' evenings next term on **Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November**. Please put the dates in your diaries and details of how to make an appointment will be sent to you during the first week of the new term.



Celebration of Learning Event – Thursday 20th November 2014

I am delighted to advise you that we will be holding our first celebration of learning event this year on **Thursday 20th November 2014 between 6pm and 7.30pm**. All of the children throughout the school are already planning their contribution to this event. Full details will follow after half-term.

Important Christmas Dates

In addition to the above events, I am also attaching a list of Christmas dates so that you have plenty of notice regarding performances and other key events happening next term. Full details of each event will follow in due course.

Attendance Update



As you know, improving our whole school and individual pupil attendance remains an important priority for us. By working together in partnership on this matter, our attendance and punctuality rates improved significantly during the last year. I would like to thank you for your parental support in ensuring your child has the best possible attendance rate and that they arrive at school on time each day. I would also like to thank parents for respecting the law with regard to not taking holidays during term time.

It is important that we maintain this improved whole school attendance pattern during this school year and I would be grateful for your continued support with this matter. I will contact individual parents by separate letter to offer support with regard to improving attendance and punctuality where this is needed.



School Meals

I am delighted that so many parents are choosing to order a school meal for your children. A reminder that these are completely free to all children in YR, Y1 and Y2 and so I do hope that you take advantage of the annual savings that these free meals mean for you and your family. If you would like further information about how to claim the free meals, please do come and see Mrs Martin.



I am pleased to advise you that in response to pupil and parent feedback, we have made some changes to the menu for next term and a sample of the revised menu is attached. There are now some new main meals on offer and we have reintroduced jacket potatoes on some days of the week in addition to the main meal choice.

We plan to review the menu further next term and will be seeking parent and pupil views to inform this. Further details will follow!

Please let Mrs Martin have your completed menus for the first week of next term by this Wednesday 22nd October.

Halloween Party – Wednesday 22nd October 2014

Finally, a reminder about our Halloween disco and party this Wednesday from 6pm to 7.30pm. I would like to thank you for your generous donations on our two non-uniform days towards this event. Our end of term events are always a huge success due to your support and involvement and I do hope that you will all be joining us to celebrate the end of a very busy but successful term!



Remember, the Halloween fancy dress theme for you and your children!

I look forward to welcoming you all on Wednesday at 6pm.

Kind regards



Carol Hines
Headteacher