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Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents



E-Safety support for parents and pupils

Further to our recent parent workshop on the important subject of E-safety, I am pleased to advise you that all children from YR to Y6 had the benefit of an age appropriate workshop in their classes with John Jeffries last Thursday. John shared really useful important information with the children about how they can keep themselves safe when using on-line technology at home such as mobile phones, social networking and their games systems. Please talk to your children about the information they received in these sessions so that you can support their safe use of on-line activities and equipment.

We will be organising further sessions for both parents and pupils throughout this school year. In addition, the topic of E-safety is becoming an integral part of our computing curriculum for the children in their lessons in school. We will also be adding very useful information about E-safety on to our school website for pupils and parents in the very near future. In the meantime, if you would like any further advice or guidance on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to meet with you to provide support and information.

After School Clubs

All of our after school clubs have now begun. I am delighted to advise you that almost all children from Y1 to Y6 are attending at least one after school club with many attending two or more of their choice.



Non-attendance at after school clubs

If your child has accepted a place at any after school club, it is important that they attend regularly each week. If your child is unable to attend one week due to genuine reasons, please make sure that a **parent** informs Mrs Martin that day that they will not be attending. This will enable us to ensure that all children are safe and accounted for.

Collection arrangements

As some clubs are taking place on the main playground this term, we will be locking the blue gate to the playground for security reasons until 4pm at which time we will open it to enable you to come onto the playground to collect your children.



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Vacancy for a midday supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor and are extending the deadline for applications for this post until the end of this week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please collect an information pack from Mrs Martin and return the completed application form by lunchtime on Friday 10th October 2014.

P.E. Kit In School – YR to Y6

Unfortunately, some children are forgetting to bring their P.E. kits to school and this means that they are missing out on valuable P.E. lessons. All children from YR to Y6 **should have a full named P.E. kit in school very day including outdoor trainers as P.E. will continue to take place outdoors, weather permitting.** We strongly recommend that this should be left in school on your child's peg or in their locker all week to make sure it is available when needed for lessons or after school activities.



Collection at home time

There have been a number of occasions already this term when different adults, who are not on our system, have arrived to collect children from school at the request of parents. We appreciate that there are occasions when parents need to make alternative arrangements for the collection of their child/children at short notice. However, we will not be able to let any child leave school with an unauthorised adult without verbal or written permission directly from parents for security reasons.

To avoid any unnecessary inconvenience to anyone in these circumstances, please make sure that you advise either your child's teacher on the day or that you phone and speak to someone in school to confirm your permission. If any arrangement for collection by a different adult is likely to be a regular occurrence, please confirm your permission for them to be added to our system as authorised to collect your child at any time. Thank you for your co-operation with this important security matter.

Halloween Party – Wednesday 22nd October 2014

A reminder that this term ends on Thursday 23rd October and children return to school on Monday 3rd November 2014.



To end this term, we will be having a Halloween Party on Wednesday 22nd October 2014 between 6pm and 7.30pm. **In response to popular demand from the children, there will be a full disco element to our party** as well as lots of other exciting activities to enjoy including a fancy dress competition.

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 17th October in return for donations to our usual tombola and bottle stall for the event. Please put the date of the party on your calendars and full details in the near future.



Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher