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Placing learners and learning at the heart of all that we do.

AUTUMN TERM 2 2023 DIARY DATES

27.10.23

Friday 27th October: **SCHOOL CLOS**ES for half term
 Monday 6th November: **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**
 Tuesday 7th November: **SCHOOL OPENS**
 Tuesday 7th November: Nasal flu vaccinations in school
 Tuesday 7th November – Friday 17th November: **Y4** Swimming sessions (**Group 2**)
 Friday 10th November: Year 6 Remembrance Assembly (Y6 Parents invited)
 Tuesday 14th November: Reception cinema trip (am)
 Friday 17th November: Children in Need Day (theme tbc)
 Friday 1st December: All after school clubs finish
 Friday 22nd December: **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**
 Monday 8th January: **SCHOOL OPENS** – Spring Term

CONTACT NUMBERS

Please could you notify the school office if any of your contact details have changed - **address, landline number, mobile phone number, email address** etc. Thank you!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you, to many of you who took the opportunity to speak to staff about how the children have settled into the new school year. From all appointments booked – the attendance was 90%. We hope you found the information useful 😊

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents at this week’s parent’s evening meetings. The meetings are held at the same time every year to provide a brief settling in/progress update. As in previous years we used the online booking system which was open to ensure all families had the opportunity to book their preferred time slot. Thank you to those families who booked in and a huge ‘Thank you!’ to our office staff who supported many families with their bookings. The Schoolcloud booking system is time limited, operating to a deadline, beyond which, appointments cannot be made.

The children and Staff have been working hard this first half term and we have made it to the half term break!

This week, we gave our ‘Inspire, Enjoy and Achieve’ badges/ certificates. Congratulations to our worthy recipients. Well done!

YEAR 4 SWIMMING (Group 2 - November 2023)

Our Year 4 (**Group 2**) will start their swimming on Tuesday 7th November. Swimming is the only sport named in our school statutory PE curriculum. The children will attend a daily lesson again this week, Tuesday 7th November – Friday 17th November, at the ‘Rainbow’ pool. The children need their costume, towel and goggles (if required). All children are encouraged to develop their water safety skills, work towards completing their 25m swim with confidence and have fun!



REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our Year 6 Remembrance Assembly on **Friday 10th November at 9.15am** and will be inviting Year 6 parents to attend.

Poppies supporting The Royal British Legion will be available from Tuesday 7th November, for a donation, from the school office. We thank you in advance for your support 😊

NEW PE TIMETABLE

Some PE times/days will be changing after half term. Children are to attend school in their PE clothing on their PE day – rather than a Hoodie we request that children wear a **red school jumper**. PE days are as follows:

PE TIMETABLE		
	Indoor (white t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls/trainers)	Outdoor (white t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls/trainers plain joggers / red school sweatshirt)
M	Years 1 and 2 (1HL, 1TS, 1MG)	Year 5 (2CR/ 2BV)
T	Nursery/ Reception	
W	Nursery/ Reception (am) Year 3/4 (2BH/2HH/2SS) (pm)	
Th	Year 6 (2DJ/ 2KT)	Years 1 and 2 (1HL, 1TS, 1MG)
F	Year 5 (2CR/ 2BV) pm	Year 6 (2DJ/ 2KT)

EARLY YEARS: COME & READ

'Come and Read' sessions in Reception are every Monday between 8.40 – 9.00am, please pop in.....come and look and share a book!
'Come and Read' in Nursery is every Wednesday between 8.30 – 8.45am and 12.15-12.30pm, please pop in.....come and share a book!

NAMED CLOTHING

We are continually being asked about lost items of clothing and we appreciate that clothes are expensive. To make misplaced items easier to find – please could you label/name your child's clothing eg: Coats, jumpers etc Thank you!

ATTENDANCE – LATES

We have a number of children regularly arriving late to school. **Minutes late is learning lost!**

Our doors open at 8.40am with registers closing at 9.00am

Lateness = lost learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost! (2 weeks)

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please ring the school office on 01642 816884. Thank you ☺+

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The following after school clubs are running this term and will be continuing after half term. Clubs finish between 4pm - 4.20pm. Please note finishing times! Please could children be collected at the correct time and notify the school office if your collection arrangements change. Thank you!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir – 4pm Quick Draw – 4pm Basketball – 4.10pm	Y6 Homework – 4pm Mighty Warriors – 4.10pm	KS2 Multi-skills –4.10pm	Duolingo – 4pm Thursday Club – 4.10pm	Archery – 4.20pm

SCHOOL DINNERS

School lunches are ordered in advance. To enable our cook to prepare, we are required to give one week's notice of any changes in lunchtime arrangements. If you wish to change your child's meal type (School lunch-packed lunch /packed lunch- school lunch) please contact the school office 01642 816884, one week in advance. Thank you!

PACKED LUNCHES: If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please ensure there are **NO NUTS**, as we are a **NUT-FREE school**, no sweets/chocolate bars and please provide a still drink, no fizzy drinks. Thank you!

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school.

School holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Fixed Penalty Notices are being issued by the LA.

We hope you have a super weekend and a lovely half term!

Regards

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