



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and welcome back to the Autumn term and a warm welcome to all the new families. All the children seem to have settled into their new classes extremely well and are ready for an action packed term. Please see significant dates below for your diaries.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you from all the staff and me for your very generous gifts at the end of last term, they were greatly appreciated.

Reception meeting

There will be a meeting for all new Reception parents with Mrs McBride in the school hall on **Wednesday 14th September from 09:00 – 09:30** when Mrs McBride will advise you on how to help your children at home. There will also be a meeting on **Monday 19th September from 2pm – 3pm** for parents of years 1 and 2 children when Mrs Mardell, Mrs Bhatti and I will be giving you information on how to help your learn the maths and English curriculum.

Welcome picnic

Unfortunately the Welcome Picnic for new parents has had to be postponed this Saturday due to a very poor weather forecast. Our wonderful PA parents, Tina and Cindy (Joe and Olivia's mothers in year 2) will set a new date as soon as they have had time to rearrange. May I remind everyone that all parents are automatically members of the PA (Parents' Association). The PA run a variety of fund raising events throughout the year and the money raised is spent directly on your children. If you would like to help out please contact Cindy or Tina and if you don't know these mothers then please contact the office and we can put you in contact with them..... 'many hands make light work'.

Macmillan's coffee morning

There will be a fund raising coffee morning for MacMillan's cancer research on Friday 30 September just after 09:00 in the school hall. Last year's event was highly successful so please come and support this wonderful charity.

A FEW REMINDERS

Climbing Frame

Just a reminder that children are not allowed on the climbing frame at the beginning and end of the day. There is a timetable so that every child uses the climbing frame throughout the week during playtimes under the supervision of teaching staff.

Labelling

Please can I remind you all to send your child into school with a NAMED water bottle. Several children have the same brand of bottle so it is difficult for staff and children to recognize their own bottle. On the subject of labelling may I also remind you all to label every piece of clothing.

Golden assembly

Every Friday there is a Golden assembly celebrating children's achievements. If your child has achieved something that week outside school, for example winning a football trophy, then please send the award in **before** Friday so that we can celebrate their extra curricular achievements in the assembly and in the fortnightly newsletter.

Start of the day

The playground is officially opened at 08:45 so please wait outside or go for a short walk if you arrive early.

Treats

I know that the children may be hungry at the end of the school day and that you may want to give them a treat but please can you wait until after you have left the site.

Thank you for your cooperation with all of the above reminders

EID

Many thanks to Mrs Tawni for delivering an excellent assembly about Eid this week. The children were fascinated and asked very interesting questions. If you are celebrating on Monday have a wonderful day.



BEST CLASS AWARD

This is an award for being the best class to line up after playtime. Well done to **EVERYONE** for winning the award this week.

ATTENDANCE CUP

Well done to **Reception** for winning the attendance cup this week with **100%**

Just a reminder about how important it is for your child not to miss school other than for illness.

90% sounds good, but means your child misses:

- One half day each week
- Nearly four weeks every school year!
- **OVER ONE SCHOOL YEAR IN A SCHOOL CAREER**

PLEASE HELP THE SCHOOL MEET ITS TARGET OF 96%



Diary Dates

TOMORROW 14:00 – 16:00 WELCOME PICNIC:

The Parents' Association has organised a picnic to welcome new parents and families. It will be held at Fulmer recreation ground (St George's Field) tomorrow (10th September) between 2 and 4pm. Please bring your own picnic. There will be entertainment for the children and a glass of pimms for adults.

THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 09:00: Harvest Festival 09:00 in school hall. All welcome

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 09:00: MacMillan's coffee morning in school hall. All welcome.

Tuesday 4th October: Reception photos for press

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER AND
REOPENS 08:45 TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2016**

Monday 7th November 3:15 – 5:30: Parents' Consultations

Wednesday 9th November 4:30 – 7:00: Parents' Consultations

Friday 18th November 09:00 10:00: Children in Need fundraising event, details to follow

Wednesday 14th December 09:30 (approx.): Christmas concert, details to follow

Thursday 15th December: Christmas concert 6pm, details to follow

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TUESDAY 20TH
DECEMBER 13:00 AND REOPENS THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 2017**

INSET DAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)

MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2016

WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017

MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2017

May I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy weekend.

Best wishes,

ChH



Mrs Cathy Hunt
Headteacher