



Newsletter



Autumn term

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22nd October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a really busy couple of weeks again in school and everyone is now ready for the half term break.

I have enjoyed a Postcard Picnic this week with some children who had received their postcard home; it is a lovely opportunity for me to chat with the children individually while enjoying some tasty treats of course! Any children who were absent and have had a postcard will have a picnic next half term.

A group of children in KS2 have worked enthusiastically with Miss Grey and Miss Beams to prepare presentations about climate change to present to a local MP, Richard Fuller when he visited last week. They explained what we are doing in school to combat climate change including promoting walking or biking to school, growing our own veg, composting, recycling and starting to build a plastic bottle greenhouse. We were extremely proud of how well the children spoke and he praised them for their confidence.

Our Friday celebration assembly, which is currently held remotely and attended by some Governors too, gives the children the opportunity to share their work and achievements with the rest of the school. I am always so impressed with how much they manage to fit into a week! Attendance awards are also announced: Charlie Bear is very popular and I hope that we have more children back in school next term so that we can share him around more readily.

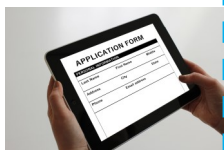
I hope that you all enjoy the half term break with your families, stay safe and well and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 2nd November.

Kind regards

Karen Headland

Free School Meals

If your family circumstances have changed you may be entitled to claim for Free School Meals. If you would like an application form please ask at the school office. Thank you



School Start Time

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be recorded as late.



Diary Dates

1st November - Teacher training day and school open day for those due to start Reception in September 2022 see Parentmail

2nd November - Children return to school

2nd November - Deadline to book Netball Club Yr 5 and 6 and KS2 Dance Club (KS1 Dance Club is fully booked.)

3rd November - Deadline for Christmas Card orders.

17th December - Last day of Term

4th January - First day back to school following the Christmas break

HCL

On Tuesday 2nd November there is a slight change to the menu. The Lamb Slice has now been changed to Beef. If this is acceptable there is no need to change your order.

Please can we ask you to pre-order your child meals in advance. The next half terms menu has now been uploaded to School Grid. Thank you.



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Important information

We have several children in school with nut allergies. Please can we remind you that we are nut free school. If your child brings any items into school that contain nuts in any form such as Nutella, cereal bars etc this will be returned unopened to you. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



Data Collection Sheets

By now you should have all received a copy of your child's Data and Permission sheet. If you haven't already done so, please could you ensure this is updated (if necessary) and returned to the office by Tuesday 2nd November even if there are no changes required. Thank you.



School uniform

We have had a couple of incidences whereby children have lost school jumpers this week. Please could we remind you to write your child's name clearly on the labels.

Also could we please ask you to check the uniform you have at home just in case your child has accidentally picked up another child's item. Thank you.



Attendance

A big well done to Eagles class this week with 98.9% attendance. Whole school attendance is 93.8% but we are aiming for 98%!



Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctor's text message or appointment card, copy of prescription, consultant letter etc.

