



Newsletter



Autumn term

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Dear Parents / Carers

We have welcomed our youngest children back into Reception and Preschool and it is lovely to see that they are happy and confident with coming through the gates independently!

Our instagram posts help to give you an insight into some of the daily activities your children experience here in school and keep you up to date with forthcoming events-Mrs Chesters-Lewis is hosting a coffee morning next Wednesday 27th September at 9am in the school hall- everyone is welcome.

We have noticed that some children are arriving late to school each morning, please ensure that all children arrive before the gate closes so that they do not accrue late marks in the register!

Our front car park situation is now much safer for the children but I have had reports that parents are using side streets locally to drop their children off. Please use our extensive car park and help us to keep our neighbours happy!

We have an open morning planned on Wednesday 11th October 9.30-11am to showcase what we do here and share some of the children's learning with you and prospective new parents. Please call the office to book your place.

On Friday 6th October we are having a Mufti Day and asking the children to bring a donation of dried or tinned produce for our harvest collection which will be donated to The Food Bank.

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

25th September—Preschool Photos
27th September—Coffee Morning
29th September—Yr6 Cake Sale
2nd October—School Photos YrR—Yr6
5th & 6th October—School Dinner Menu Change
6th October—Harvest Food Bank & Mufti
11th October—Open Day for 2024 New Starters
19th October—Flu Immunisations- More information to follow
20th October—Cake Sale Yr5

Important Information

Attendance

A big well done Oak & Ospreys classes last week with 100% attendance and Oak class this week with 100%. The whole school attendance is 97.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



New Starters 2024

If your child is due to start school in September 2024, we are holding 2 open days to offer you the opportunity to visit our Reception classes, meet the teachers and have a tour of the school. These days are:-

Wednesday 11th October - Morning 9.30am - 11am
Thursday 9th November - Afternoon 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Everyone is welcome and we also have some spaces in other year groups - please contact school for more information.



Cake Sale

Each month, classes are taking it in turns to run a cake sale at break time. **Kestrels** will be the first to host theirs on Friday 29th September. Children in years 3 to 6 will be invited to purchase a cake for 50p. The money raised will go towards the class funds.



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School Photos

Our school photographer will be visiting us to take individual photos on the below dates:

Monday 25th September - Preschool only (if your child doesn't attend a session on a Monday you are still welcome to bring them in to have their photo taken between 9-9.45am)

Monday 2nd October- Main School only

In addition to this she will be available to take sibling photos on both mornings.

If you would like this we are asking parents/carers to bring your children in from 7.30am and to supervise these photos. We are unable to arrange this as a school and Dawn until Dusk are unable to as well.

You are welcome to come in either Monday between 7.30-9am and this will be on a first come first served basis. The school gates will open at 8.45am as normal.

Please note that sibling photos **WILL NOT** be taken throughout the school day.



2023/2024 Forest School Ambassadors

I'm pleased to announce our new Forest School Ambassadors as follows:-

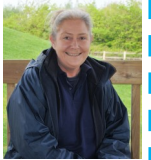
- Year 6 - Joshua, Penelope and Harry
- Year 5 - Jake, Joshua and Gracie

Year 4 Assistants - Joshua, Jaela, Jack, Jenson, Lydia, Laura.

We look forward to following their Forest School journey.

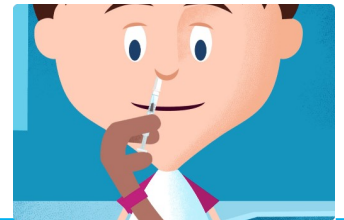


Coffee Morning Please join Mrs C, our Family Support Worker, for a hot drink on Wednesday 27th September from 9am-10am. Everyone is welcome to attend, and it's a great way to meet other parents and families! Mrs C will be on hand to speak to parents who would like advice or support.



Flu Immunisations

Our school immunisation team will be visiting us on Thursday 19th October. Further information will be sent nearer the time.



School Lunches

The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Christmas holidays. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues this will result in your child having to wait until the end of service and will be offered what we have left. Thank you for your support.



Nut Allergies

Can we remind you not to send nuts into school with your child under any circumstances. **This does include: peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches, cereal bars and any other product that contains nuts.** We do have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Menu Change—Please be reminded School Grid have amended the dinner for Census Day. If you like your child to have a dinner on either of these days please ensure it is preordered.

Thursday 5th Battered fish / Pizza / Jacket Potato / Egg Roll.

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