

September Newsletter

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Diary Dates

September

Sat 30th Ladies night fundraiser

October

Tues 3rd ALEC visit to school

Wed 4th ALEC visit to school

Fri 13th End of term 1 @3.15pm

Mon 30th Start of Term 2

November

Fri 3rd Theatre production (PM) - Sleeping Beauty

Thurs 16th Inservice Day - School closed to pupils

Fri 17th Inservice Day - School closed to pupils

December

Fri 1st Christmas Craft Fair - after school timings (tbc)

Wed 13th P1 and P2 Christmas Show (PM)

Tues 19th P3-P7 Christmas Show 2pm and 6pm

Wed 20th Christmas Disco

Nur-P3 5pm-6pm, P4-P7 6:30 - 7:30pm

Fri 22nd End of term 2 @ 3:15pm

This term is going so fast...!

As the weather is beginning to change, **please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.** We endeavour to have the children out for playtimes/lunchtimes unless it is particularly bad weather.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them at school each day so they can access it at any time in the classroom - water hydrates the brain and helps concentration! **We still have children continually coming for drinks through the school day** which is interrupting their learning.

***Please note only water for bottles in the classrooms - any diluting juice can be kept in bags for break and lunchtime



SNACKS- We continue to promote healthy snacks Mon- Thurs with a 'Eat fit yi like' Friday.

Our Snack attack tuck shop is open daily - PSAs and P6 will be running it this session. Please ensure your child has pennies to pay for snack. Everything is 20p to make life a little easier for everyone.

**** We still have some children with very unsuitable snacks e.g. large sharing bars of chocolate/crisps etc. Please support us in monitoring what your child is bringing to school 😊 (We have seen an improvement in the types of snacks coming into school so thank you for your help with this!)



STAFFING

We have successfully recruited Miss Jodie Robertson who will start after the holidays for Mrs Barbour. Mrs Barbour is enjoying her last few weeks with us before taking some well earned rest before her baby is due to arrive.

Mrs Russell in the nursery has also finished up for her maternity leave, having had to finish a little earlier than planned. However she too is doing well and eagerly awaiting the arrival of Baby Russell. A preferred candidate has been chosen for her post and we are just waiting for HR processes to be completed.



THANK YOU to everyone who managed to pop in for our open afternoon earlier this month. It was great to have the school bustling with people and excitement from the children. As highlighted previously we will have further opportunities for you to visit your child and join in with their learning in Term 3. These sessions will be on different days to ensure parents don't have to split themselves in 2 or 3!

Also huge thanks to those who helped at the book fair on Parent's evening and also for those families who supported by purchasing books. We raised £580.64 which is super! The school will get a percentage of this money raised to purchase books for our school.

Pupil Groups

Pupil groups started this week! These will now continue on every fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon. The pupil groups allow every child in our school to be part of a group which helps to move our school forward. Each of the groups have to have a role of 'helping' or 'adding' to our school in some way.

The 7 groups for this session are:

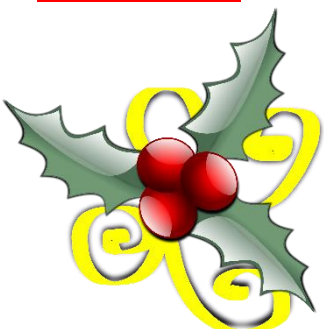
Pupil Council
Eco Committee
Gardening Group
Choir
Library Group
Bike Crew/Junior Road Safety Officers
Play/games



The children have all been allocated to a group based on their choices - whilst not everyone can have their first choice, many will have one which they had in their top 3 or 4.

Hopefully we will have more to share from our groups over the coming weeks.

Christmas Show



You will see from the calendar dates that we have again split our primary classes for the Christmas Show. This worked really well last session and it allowed the younger children the opportunity to shine and have more ownership of their own time of the stage.

We won't ruin the surprise of the potential titles of our shows yet (Pupil council had a sneak peek this week) but as always I am confident the children will enjoy planning, and preparing for the different shows. If your child is likely to be off school on the show dates, please let the office know before we allocate parts etc 😊

As always if you have anything you wish to share via this newsletter or have any comments, please contact the school office 😊