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Newsletter - September 2016



Children in base 7 and 11 are getting used to the newly extended classrooms. Staff and builders worked hard to get these ready for the beginning of term.

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,
Welcome back for the start of the Autumn term and a new academic year. All children in Reception will be with us for full days starting this week. We have already had the school photographer in and the children are looking good in their uniforms and new shoes (some children are working hard to cope with sore heels!).

Welcome

We would like to welcome the new teachers in school. Mrs Dent is the new teacher working in Reception, Miss Horne in Y1, Mrs Barker in Y3 and Mr Williams in Y5.

Our global theme

Our global theme for this term is "Telling Tales". Through this we plan to explore traditional stories from different cultures as well as developing children's speaking, listening and story telling skills.

After half term we have planned for the children in KS1 and KS2 to come back into school after the end of the day for a story telling session "Tales around the camp fire" around our new fire pit on the top field.

Uniform

For PE kit we ask that children wear a plain white T-shirt and black shorts. Black track suit bottoms or leggings can be worn for outdoor PE. Children need to have a change of footwear, trainers or plimsolls for outdoor PE. PE days are listed in your child's Home/School diary.

We ask that long hair is tied back for PE lessons and that earrings are removed. If your child has recently had their ears pierced please inform me in writing and arrangements can be made for the use of plasters for a limited period of time. Thank you if you have already arranged this with me.

Reminders

All Reception children and children in Y1 and Y2 are entitled to free school meals. We still ask that you register your child if they are entitled to the free school meals based on the benefits you receive. This triggers additional funding for support for your child in school. We ask you to complete this process by October.

Parent contact detail forms have been sent out. We ask you to return these forms to that we have up to date contact details in case we need to contact you.

Children should not leave school early unless we have been informed verbally or by letter. **Unplanned requests** for children to be released between 3.00 and 3.15 pm. will not be sanctioned. These requests take the school administrator away from the front desk at an important and busy time of the day. Children may also miss out on important letters or teacher reminders at the end of the day.

Home/School diaries

We ask that children bring their reading book and Home/School diary to school each day. Staff will listen to your child read on an individual basis and as part of a guided group read each week. This information is recorded on the reading log sheet in the Home/school diary.

There is a section for you to record the reading that you do with your child at home. Children can use the online reading programme "Bug Club" with their own log in information both at home and at school. So... if they have forgotten to change their reading book you can log onto the programme where there is a selection of books at the correct level for your child.

Parent workshop

Parents of children in Y1 have been invited to join a free workshop held in school that will run for 5 afternoons each Tuesday starting Tuesday 20th September. The focus will be reading, with parents and children making and sharing a story sack that we can then use with the children in school.

Registration for this course will be on Tuesday afternoon 13th September. We look forward to seeing you then.

Music 2 the 4

This year again we are involved with Telford & Wrekin music services with the programme Music 2 the 4. This programme lasts for a year and is offered to children in Y1, Y3 and Y5. The programme involves music specialists working with the children to develop their musical skills. Over the year the children will experience musical ICT programmes, brass instruments, singing lessons, tin whistle lessons and samba drumming sessions.

Parents are invited in to join their children for lunch

Parents are invited in on a Friday this term for a fish and chip lunch.

Parents of children in Reception and older Nursery children - Friday 7th October at 12.00am

Parents of children in Y1 and Y2 - Friday 14th October at 12.00am

Parents of children in Y3/4 - Friday 18th November at 12.30pm

Parents of children in Y5/Y6 - Friday 25th November at 12.30pm

The cost of a child's lunch is £2.00

The cost of an adult lunch is £2.85

We look forward to seeing you then.

Day-time - meetings for teachers and parents

Tuesday 18th October - **Y1** parent consultation (Miss Horne and Mr Perry)

Thursday 20th October - **Reception** parent consultation (Mrs Dent and Miss Lloyd)

Wednesday 2nd November - **Nursery** parent consultation (Miss Tuffnell)

Monday 7th November - **Y4** Parent consultation (Mr Wood and Mrs Bowen)

Tuesday 8th November - **Y5** parent consultation (Mr Williams and Mr Tagg)

Wednesday 9th November - **Y2** parent consultation (Mrs Lakin, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Barker)

Thursday 10th November - **Y3** parent consultation (Miss Burrows and Mr Raybould)

Friday 11th November - **Y6** parent consultation (Miss Blud and Mrs Langham)

Dates for your diary - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our web site. A copy of all newsletters can be found on the school website. Further details about start times for some of the events will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

Date	Year group	Event
Friday 16 th Sept	Y4 and Y6	Swimming sessions for 6 weeks
Tuesday 20 th Sept	Y6	Staff from Madeley Academy to meet children in Y6
Wednesday 28 th Sept	Y6	Y6 pupils to visit Abraham Darby Academy
Friday 30 th Sept	Parents/carers invited in to school	Macmillan coffee afternoon in KS1 hall
Monday 3 rd Oct	Y6	Y6 pupils to visit Madeley Academy
Tuesday 18 th Oct	Y2	Visit to Parkhall Farm
am Friday 21 st Oct	Y1 and Y2	Parents/carers invited in to school for KS1 Harvest assembly

Half term Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2016
Last day of the Autumn term Friday 16th December 2016

