



Head Teachers Newsletter: 1st May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the year! I trust that you all had a lovely Easter break, enjoyed the beautiful weather and are feeling refreshed and ready for the last push of the year! It is going to be a VERY busy one with Year 2 undertaking their statutory tests and Year 1 completing their phonics screening tests. Together with this the teachers have planned some wonderful topics to excite and inspire the children's thinking and curiosity.

The summer term is one of reflection and thought. The children have the opportunity to see how far they have come and what goals they set for themselves in their forthcoming year. We shall be saying a fond farewell to our Year 2 children, who go off to pastures new and welcome new families and children for September. Current reception and year 1 children have the opportunity to transition to new classes and the excitement of being with different teachers and children. This period of transition can be a worrying one for children and we do lots of circle time to discuss any worries or concerns that they may have. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about the changes that will be happening. I am very happy to help in whatever way I can.

With the Summer term approaching it also means that swimming will be arriving shortly! Mr Lesser is busy getting the pool ship shape and ready for the children to undertake their swimming. We are lucky again to have secured the Farnborough Fin teachers and shall be following their swimming programme. Please look out for further information which will be sent out to you shortly. If you can help with swimming or would like to help, then please make sure you let a member of the PTA know. You must have a current DBS, so please visit Mrs English in the office if this is something that you don't currently have. The children LOVE their swimming and we are so lucky to have the facility. Have a great weekend!

Miss Elliott

### SCHOOL VACANCIES

We are seeking at least 2 full time Midday staff to help the children at lunchtimes. The hours would be 12-1.05pm daily. We can offer lovely staff and children and a guarantee to laugh lots and have fun! If you are interested, then please do get in touch with Miss Elliott or the school office

# Diary dates Please also check the website 23.4.19 BACK TO SCHOOL 30.4.19 Year 2 trip to Leeds Castle. 6.5.19 Bank holiday 7.5.19 Children return to school 7.5.19 PTA meeting 8pm Pine

Ridge 8.5.19 Phonics screening talk to Year 1 parents 8.5.19 PTA Textile bags to be in 13.5.19 SAT's for Year 2 22.5.19 PTA Cake sale after

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3.6.19 INSET day 4.6.19 Children return to school

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5.6.19 Drama workshop for all

7.6.19 Silly Science Workshop (in school)

10.6.19 Phonic screening week 19.6.19 Year 1 trip to Bird world

22.6.19 PTA Summer Fair

28.6.19 Sports morning

3.7.19 'Moving up' day for all children to visit new classes

5.7.19 Reserve sports morning 9.7.19 Year 2 leavers assembly

ADULT only 9am

9.7.19 Year R trip to Bockett's Farm TBC

10.7.19 Year 2 leavers assembly FAMILY performance 1.30pm 12.7.19 Open afternoon 1.15pm 15.7.19 Year 2 Boscombe beach trip TBC

18.7.19 Year 2 Oscars Night 19.7.19 PTA Year R and Year 1 discos

23.7.19 Children finish **1.15pm** 24.7.19 INSET day

### School Kitchen update

The contractors have left the building!!! We have a lovely brand new kitchen! We were VERY excited to have 'Winners' menu being cooked on Monday 29th. Well done to Shannah Culwick, Chloe Paton and Emily-Rose Aries who were chosen as the winners by Commercial Services!





# Thank you!

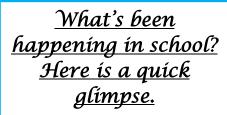
Thank you to the three lovely mummies that have offered to come and have a 'Friday tidy' of the school library. It is a much loved area that is frequently visited and now looks FANTASTIC!







Exciting times in Year R!! The ducklings have arrived!









The children and staff are LOVING it! I have enjoyed their chatter!

Thank you to the PTA for funding!

## Golden Boot Challenge 2019 starts 4th June

Each Summer, around 250 schools take part in the Golden Boot Challenge. It promotes healthy and sustainable travel and is run in a way that makes it possible for everyone to take part.

A class gets a point for each pupil who walked, scooted, cycled, or travelled by public transport to school. We don't forget pupils who have no alternative to the car and each pupil who used car share or park 'n' stride also scores a point.

The Challenge is web-based, and your child will be part of the inputting of the information.

Please chat with your child about how they have travelled to school that morning so that they know for when they are asked in class!