

Newsletter 7th September 2018

Every child is unique and at the heart of everything we do.

Head Teacher: Mrs Julia Lawson

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VALUE OF THE MONTH: PEACE

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school. I hope you have all had a relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year.

We welcome in particular our new children that have joined us this week and our new staff Miss Mistry our Nursery Teacher and Miss Phillips our SENDCO.

All parents have worked really hard to ensure their children look very smart in their new uniforms - thank you. Please ensure all uniform, PE kit, lunch boxes and bags are clearly named. Please remember that only smart, sensible school shoes should be worn. Trainers and boots are not permitted. All long hair should be neatly tied back. Please can we also ask that you do not put any markings or patterns in children's hair.

Nail Varnish is not permitted for school and only one small stud is permitted per ear and this must be removed at home for PE. No other jewellery should be worn. Diary dates are included in this newsletter. Please take note of them. It is going to be another busy term so keep a look out for announcements.

Please remember we operate an open door policy. If you have any questions or comments regarding the school please feel free to ask any of the staff or myself.

Thank you for your support, I'm looking forward to another great year!

Julia Lawson

Parent and Teacher Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation evenings will be held on Monday 17th September between 3.30pm and 5.00pm and Tuesday 18th September between 4pm and 6pm. We encourage all parents to attend as you will be given information about the end of year expectations for your child.

Appointment sheets will be going up in classrooms next week.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER @ 9:15am

As always we will be supporting Macmillan and holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September. We will be collecting cake donations during that week and all proceeds will go to Macmillan. Children may donate £1 and come to school in their own clothes on the day.

After School Clubs

We will be organising after school clubs to start again from Monday 17th September. These classes will be charged at £1 per class, payable on the day.

Dance class will be charged at £2.50 as an external teacher will be providing this.

Letters will shortly be send out to book places.

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SCHOOL LUNCH

The cost for a hot school lunch is £2.00 per day / £10.00per week. Please pay for the week on a Monday morning.

Universal Free School Meals are for children in Years R, 1 and 2.

Please also remember that if your child brings in a packed lunch a small chocolate biscuit or cake and crisps are only allowed on a Friday.

Please also ensure that children do not have any nuts in their lunchbox or food containing traces of nuts. If your child has a yoghurt please provide them with a spoon, thank you.

The Aspens menu can be viewed on the Aspens App and website

Café and Breakfast

Café will return on Wednesday for Years 5 & 6. Breakfast in the hall will also return on Thursday next week at 8.30am. Thank you.

20p—Juice and Biscuits

Juice and Biscuits will return on Friday for Years 1 to 6.

Harvest Festival Assembly

Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Friday 28th September. Reception and KS1 assembly will take place at 9am. KS2 assembly will take place at 2:30pm.

Donations of tinned or dry food for the food bank will greatly be received. Any donations to be taken to the school office from 24th September.

Facebook

We are on Facebook!

Please follow our page for daily updates on our school dinners and further information.

Caldecotte Residential

The Caldecotte Residential Trip is booked for 27th and 28th September. The final payment is due, however should you need to arrange a payment plan for the final balance please see the school office. A kit list and medical consent forms will be sent home next week. If you have not booked your child on the residential trip but would now like them to go please speak to our office staff as it may be possible to add them on.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

If you would like your child to attend these clubs you must register them and book them in.

The clubs are £3.50 per session and should be paid on a weekly basis.

Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.45am Afterschool Club: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

DIARY DATES

11th September 2018—Class Photographs
17th September 2018—Parents Consultation with Class Teachers
18th September 2018—Parents Consultation with Class Teachers
28th September 2018—Reception and KS1 9am—Harvest Festival Assembly
28th September 2018—MacMillan Coffee Morning—Non School Uniform
28th September 2018—KS2 2:30pm—Harvest Festival Assembly
3rd October—School Book Fair
8th October 2018—Walk to School Week
19th October 2018—Walk to School Week
19th October 2018—Walk History Week
29th October—Black History Week
29th October 2018—Inset Day
14th November 2018—Individual Photos
16th November 2018—Children in Need
30th November 2018—Christmas Fayre (details to follow shortly)
14th December 2018—Christmas Jumper Day

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Week commencing 11th December—Christmas Concert years Receptions, 1 & 2
18th December 2018—Christmas Dinner
19th December 2018—Christmas Assembly

Term Dates

Half Term—Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October
Training Day—Monday 29th October
Christmas Break—Thursday 20th December - Tuesday 1st January
Training Day—Tuesday 2nd January
Half Term—Monday 11th - Friday 15th February
Easter Break—Monday 8th - Monday 22nd April
May Day—Monday 6th May
Half Term—Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
Training Day—Monday 3rd June
Break up for Summer—Friday 19th July

Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies are every Friday at 9am - all welcome.
Friday 28th September @ 9am - Reception and KS1 Harvest Festival Assembly
Friday 28th September @ 2.30pm - KS2 Harvest Festival Assembly
Wednesday 19th December @ 9am - End of Term Assembly