



Newsletter

September '17



Mon 11 th Sept	PTA Meeting 6.15pm. Everyone Welcome.
Wed 13 th Sept	"The Year Ahead" at 6pm - 7pm. This is the first opportunity of the year for parents/carers to meet our staff, listen to information about the curriculum, trips and visits and ask questions. Unfortunately we will not have any child care available at this event.
Fri 15 th Sept	House Assembly - all children need to come to school in their house t-shirt.
Wed 20 th Sept	School photographs.
Thurs 21 st Sept	Orienteering Day (letter to follow)
Tues 26 th Sept	All staff to renew First Aid Certificates - after school training.
Fri 29 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm.
Mon 2 nd Oct	Inset Day
Thurs 19 th Oct	Parent/Teacher meetings. 1.30pm - 6pm - Details to follow.
Fri 20 th Oct	Pride Celebrations
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October	HALF TERM
Fri 3 rd Nov	PTA Halloween Disco
W/c 13 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
W/c 27 th Nov	Child Assessment Week
Mon 4 th Dec	Christmas Fair - 3.15pm start
Fri 15 th Dec	Pride celebration
w/c 18 th Dec	RE Week - Christianity
19 th and 20 th Dec	School Christmas Parties - details to follow.
Fri 22 nd Dec	Carol Service Finish for Christmas.

Dear All,

Our first day back at school was a great success. Your children arrived with huge smiles, full of holiday news and looking really smart - thank you!

Over the summer we have admitted lots of new children not only in yr 3 but in other year groups too, so a huge welcome to all our new families. Please use our website to keep up to date with news. All letters are emailed to you and uploaded to the website. Diary dates are available here as well and photos of school events.

We offer a warm Priory welcome to our 3 new teachers, Miss Chilton, Miss Gilbert and Mr Walsh. Below is our teacher team, feel free to meet them before and after school when they 'Meet and Greet' your children. If at any time you have a question or concern please speak to Miss Loom (our school business manager) and she will hopefully answer your query and if not direct it to a member of staff who can. Our office team in reception are full of advice so it often pays to start there!

Year 3 Miss Mitchell and Mr Elliott

Year 4 Miss Graham and Miss Gilbert

Year 5 Mrs Corkhill and Mr Walsh

Year 6 Miss Dhillon and Miss Chilton.

Deputy Head: Miss Edwards

Assistant Head: Mrs Clark

Mrs Hill Teacher in all classes

We use an email system and a text service to keep our channels of communication open with you. We will endeavour to text / email you during our working hours, unless there is urgent news. Please be aware that our systems need to be logged into to pick up messages and again this will be done during working hours whenever possible.

This term's meal menu is available online, on our school website on the "School Information" tab. Scroll down to see the menus. Dinners are paid through School Money and must be booked before MIDNIGHT of the day before in order for your request to be received by the kitchen.

The menu this term is slightly different. We have 2 courses per day but as you will see, some days we now have a starter and a main rather than always a pudding. Each school now select their own menu so with a group of children last term, we chose what we think are our favourites. As every school now has a personalised menu the choices available will not be on the Notts. County Council Website.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals you can apply online through Notts. County Council website (see below) or phone them on 0300 500 8080. Children who are eligible for FSM (and they do not have to have the meal if you choose to give them a packed lunch) are eligible for reductions on all school day trips and residential visits due to the additional funding the school receives.

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

Parent helpers are always valued when we go out and about on trips and visits. As we gather all the information about who is going where and when this term we will send an updated list of dates out. If you wish to come along you can then plan in advance. Thank you to the parents that suggested this last year - I hope we can work together to keep improving our communication.

Just a quick reminder to all parents we do ask all children to have hair tied back for all lessons and P.E, we do have a supply of bobbles at the office. Also we request children refrain from wearing nail varnish.

On a more serious note, if your child is not going to be at school please notify us by 9:00am. By then our electronic registers will have been completed and a child absent without a reason will automatically receive a text from the office. I know you are all aware that schools have been requested not to authorise holidays in term-time. However if you are going away I would rather know than not, I cannot authorise it but with my Child Protection 'hat' on I will know that your child is safe.

If your child is ill or requires regular prescribed medication please bring it to the office and complete a form giving us all the information we need to administer it (this is also available to download on the website). Inhalers are returned to you at the end of the summer and any needed this term need to be brought to the office and to be in date. Many thanks for your co-operation. Our new Medicine Policy will be available on the website for reference later this term.

If at anytime you feel you need any support - because being a parent is not an easy job, we have an excellent parent support worker in school who we can link you with. Rachel Jefferson has lots of experience and wealth of knowledge about children, behaviour, courses.....the list is endless. You do not have to explain to school staff the reason just ask for her to give you a call. Meetings can be held off site, at your home or the local coffee shop. We also now employ a counsellor 1 day a week through CASY (www.casy.org.uk/for-children-and-young-people), if you feel your child needs support please approach the class teacher, Mrs Henshaw (our SENCO Manager) or myself for details.

Our next event is 'The Year Ahead' 6pm - 7pm on Wednesday 13th September. Please come along and meet the team, find out what we are planning and spend some time with your child's teacher in their class.

Years 3 and 4 will continue to come out of school near the toilet block and 5 and 6 into the large playground. Due to our security policy Mr Meadows locks all external gates by 3.45pm so please to help Mr Meadows please could you ensure you have left the playground by then.

In the last few weeks of term we had numerous calls late in the day asking us to inform your children of changes to your after school arrangements. Of course, in an emergency, we understand and are happy to help. However, due to the amount of calls we have been getting we cannot always guarantee to get to your child before the end of the day. We want to limit the amount of interruptions to learning during the afternoon so please could you try to only change arrangements in an emergency.

Lunch Times

This term we are employing Koala Klubs to lead game activities at lunchtime alongside our Mid Day Staff. Children who prefer a quieter lunchtime will be catered for in the smaller playground. We have a gorgeous reading shelter, sandpits and water play. Our stage is in constant demand for dancing and acting. The table tennis table is really popular. We would like to develop other areas and wondered if you can help. Our days will be themed to include tabletop games, 'dough', colouring, small crafts and construction. We really need any lego, stickle bricks, play-doh accessories, small cars, sandpit toys, car mats, farm animals and vehicles and books. If pre-Christmas is the clearing out time please can we have donations to make our playground times more stimulating - thank you!

We will be offering a Sport Leader course to the upper key stage children during this half term and also Story Telling training, enabling our older children to lead activities for our younger children.

School Holiday Consultation

The Local Authority are currently consulting on School Holiday and Term dates for 2019/20- 2022/23. Details of the consultation can be found on the NCC Website

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/consultation-on-school-term-time-dates>

The consultation will be promoted via NCC social media outlets and will close on 8th October 2017.

We all look forward to working with you this term,

Mrs Curson