



Newsletter

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The Pond and Patch Area thriving over the summer holidays

Can I begin this first edition of our newsletter by both welcoming you back and welcoming you, if you are a new parent, to the new school year. I hope that this week your children have settled well and are enjoying the many exciting learning opportunities that they are experiencing. The school seems so settled, calm and full of fun as I walk around and catch up with everyone on how they enjoyed their holidays.

Even though we are just a few of days into the new term, already the children are finding out about their new topics and entry points for their International Primary Curriculum learning. If you are unfamiliar with this, as a school we teach the IPC as a way of engaging children effectively and enabling them to enjoy using a skills based approach, where a broad range of learning styles are catered for. Furthermore, the opportunity to extend their international mindedness and to learn about other cultures has been fascinating and with every class looking to establish a range of international link for the year, I can see this developing into a very exciting prospect. Watch this space and look out for a letter coming home soon with details of the new unit of work in your class and what the children will be learning!

A few dates are already booked in to look out for and you will also be receiving a list of school dates for the year to enable you to plan ahead as we aware that you are all very busy people. Having listened to parental

feedback we will always try to give at least a week's notice with communications of upcoming events from now on to allow you to attend our many school events. In the meantime, on **Tuesday 20th September** we will be holding our Meet *the Teacher* session. This will take place in two short sessions, from 9.10-9.30am and from 9.30-9.50am, so that anyone with more than one child in the school has the opportunity to visit both class teacher sessions. It will be an opportunity for you to find out what you can expect from us as a school this year and what you can do to help your child in the Home-School Learning Partnership. Teachers will be happy to answer any questions you may have so that we start the year effectively.

Also, if you know anyone who has children starting school next year or may be looking to move their children at some point, we will be holding our Open Morning on **Tuesday 27th September** from 9.15am-12pm. This will be a chance to drop in and see the school on a normal working day, whilst asking any questions that you may have to find out more about us. We will look forward to welcoming many new faces!

As a reminder and an introduction, we are continuing to hold our Celebration Assembly every Friday from 9.10am in the school hall. This is open to everyone each week, so please come along when you can, you are always welcome. As a school, our ethos is firmly built on the celebration of skills, talents and achievements

and we will be enjoying finding out what the children have achieved both within school and out of school, so if your child takes part in an out of school activity, sporting or otherwise and they have an award, certificate or something of recognition to share, then please bring it along and we will look forward to sharing it with them.



Tea with the Head is back again! On **Friday 30th September**, in conjunction with Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, I will be holding our first Tea with the Head in our Meadow. Please come along and share a drink and a cake and an informal chat. It is always a pleasant occasion and very well supported. Thank you all so much for your generous donations last time, we were able to donate a wonderful; £64.

To finish, please could I ask that if you did not complete a parental questionnaire in the summer term that you would be kind enough to do so and return it to us. As a school we are always looking to improve and it would help us greatly if you could take the time to let us know what you think.

I am very much looking forward to another successful, happy and productive year. I do believe that we have such a fantastic school community and I very much look forward to catching up with you all in and around the playground.

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BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated their birthdays over the summer holidays.

TA and MDSA ROLE

We are currently advertising a Teaching Assistant and MDSA role. For more information, please look at our website on the Vacancies section, or ask at the school office.

POND & PATCH

Some photos of the summer veg bounty! So much veg; veg boxes delivered to some of the gardening club team over the summer months and we enjoyed picking, tasting and eating the fruits of our labour; kale, cucumbers, dwarf beans, corn, plenty of courgettes, raspberries, beetroots, carrots, tomatoes, runner beans, chillies, and cut fresh flowers. The harvest has been plentiful and our plot is still producing, thanks to our wonderful summer. Thank you to all.



DATES FOR TERM ONE

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER – MEET THE TEACHER SESSION FOR PARENTS

9:10 – 9:30AM & 9:30 – 9:50AM

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL OPEN MORNING 9:15AM-12PM

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER – HOME SCHOOL LEARNING PARTNERSHIP & READING @ 2:30PM – SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER – TEA WITH THE HEAD/MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – 3:15PM



	Date	Event	Time/Notes
September	01.9.16	TD Day – School Closed – First Aid Training	
	02.9.16	TD Day – School Closed	
	05.9.16	Term 1 Begins	
	19-23.9.16	Science Week	
	20.9.16	Meet the Teacher Session	9.10-9.50am in classrooms
	27.9.16	School Open Day	9:15am-12pm
	30.9.16 30.9.16	Home School Learning Partnership & Reading Meeting Tea with the Head/Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	2.30pm in the School Hall 3.15pm in the Meadow
October	06.10.16	Maths Day	
	14.10.16	Harvest Assembly	9.15am
	21.10.16	Tea with the Head	3.15pm in the Meadow
	21.10.16	End of Term 1	
	31.10.16	Term 2 Begins	
November	04.11.16	Interim Reports to Parents	
	7-11.11.16	Simonsbath Residential Trip	
	14.11.16	Parent Consultations	
	15.11.16	Parent Consultations – Thistle Class	3.30-5pm
	17.11.16	Parent Consultations – Clover, Lotus & Orchid Class	3.30-7pm
	18.11.16	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day	3.30-7pm
	23.11.16 24.11.16	Parent eSafety Meeting History/Geography day	£1 donation for CiN 6.30pm in the Hall
December	01.12.16	International Day 1	
	07.12.16	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal	9.30am
	08.12.16	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance	9.30am & 6pm
	13.12.16	Christingle Church Service	
	15.12.16	Data Due & Intervention Review	
	15.12.16	Christmas Lunch and Children’s Parties	
	16.12.16	Christmas Jumper day	£1 donation - Save the Children
	16.12.16	Carols around the Tree Assembly	1.30pm
	16.12.16	Tea and Mince Pies with the Head	In the Meadow after assembly
	16.12.16	End of Term 2	

January	03.1.17	TD Day – School Closed	
	04.1.17	Term 3 Starts	
	19.1.17	Story Day	
	27.1.17	Maths Day	
February	07.2.17	Safer Internet Day	
	09.2.17	Interim Reports to Parents – all year groups	
	10.2.17	Tea with the Head	3.15pm in the Meadow
	10.2.17	End of Term 3	
	20.2.17	Term 4 Begins	
	27.2.17	Parent Consultations	3.30-7pm
March	02.3.17	Parent Consultations	3.30-5pm
	02.3.17	World Book Day	
	21.3.17	World Poetry Day	
	27.3.17	Mother’s Monday & International Day	
	31.3.17	Sponsored Spell	
April	06.4.17	Easter Assembly, Bonnet Parade & Egg Rolling	
	06.4.17	Tea with the Head	1.30pm in the School Hall
	07.4.17	TD Day	In the Meadow after assembly
	24.4.17	End of Term 4 Term 5 Begins	
May	8-12.5.17	KS2 SATs Week	
	15.5.17	Skipping Day	
	19.5.17	Maths Day	
	25.5.17	Sports Day	1.30pm
	26.5.17	Backup Sports Day (if wet on 25.5.17)	1.30pm
	26.5.17	Tea with the Head	3.15pm
	26.5.17	Term 5 Ends	
June	05.6.17	TD Day	
	06.6.17	Term 6 Begins	
	16.6.17	Father’s Friday & International Day	
	22.6.17	Backup Sports Day 2 (if previously cancelled!)	1.30pm
	29.6.17	Y6 Taster Day @ St Laurence	
	30.6.17	Art & DT Day	

July	04.7.17	Y5 Taster Day @ St Laurence	
	06.7.17	Transition Day	
	07.7.17	Backup Sports Day 3 (if previously cancelled!)	1:30pm
	10.7.17	KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal	1:30pm
	11.7.17	KS2 Performance	7pm
	12.7.17	KS2 Performance	7pm
	21.7.17	Year 6 Leaver's Assemblies – Year 6 & parents only in the morning, whole school in the afternoon.	9.15am & 1.30pm
	21.7.17	Tea with the Head	After assembly in the Meadow
	21.7.17	Term 6 Ends	

Parental Feedback Survey 2015-16

Please tick the box you feel is most appropriate for each question

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	My child is happy at this school.					
2	My child feels safe at this school.					
3	My child makes good progress at this school.					
4	My child is well looked after at this school.					
5	My child is taught well at this school.					
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.					
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.					
8	This school communicates well with parents.					
9	This school is well led and managed.					
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.					
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.					
12	I would recommend this school to another parent?					

Are there any extra comments that you would like to make? Please continue on to the back of this form if you would like to.