



Welcome to 2016/ 2107

It has been a fantastic start to the year and we particularly welcome all pupils and parents who are new to the main school or Pre-School.

It has been extremely gratifying to see thirty-nine of our pupils move from the Pre-School to the Foundation Stage and settle in so well.

I am pleased to report that our pupils who were in the Pre-School last year had the best on-entry Foundation Stage assessment results in the twenty-five year history of the school.

I thank all new parents who were so welcoming as the Foundation Stage staff made their home visits; we are dedicated to doing this so we can develop the relationship with you and your children.

Hopefully, you have now had your Parents' Evening appointment; please arrange to see your child's teacher if you were not able to attend. Mrs Fletcher has arranged new sessions for those she had to cancel.

Parents Maths Workshops Coming Soon

Miss Bedding, our maths leader will soon be running two maths workshops:

Year 2 & 3 parents 6pm Weds 26th Oct

Year 4 & 5 parents 6pm Weds 2nd Nov

These sessions are always very popular and parents often say the sessions build their own confidence in maths apart from helping them to help their own children. The session will be about 45 minutes long and will take place in Miss Bedding's class in Year 4. There will be an adult to look after any SCHOOL AGED children in the classroom next door if you cannot arrange alternative childcare. but no children younger than this please.

Year 6 are going to be at Woodland Grange from next September

As a result of having two new classes at school from next year we will be having some building work done at school this year to create at least two new class bases; we will keep you up to date with the developments.

As a result of this change we will be moving our residential from Year 5 to year 6. We are very excited that the new trip to an outdoor activity centre in Cornwall will enable us to include coastal / beach based activities.



Tea/Coffee Morning

After you have dropped your child at school, come for a tea or coffee and a chat with other parents on the morning of Weds 2nd November in the Pre/After care building (near the car park). It is a very informal chance to come into school, meet Mr Hayles (if you haven't met him before), other parents and for this first session, hear from our Early Years expert, Mrs Smith and another teacher of older children about how to develop your child's reading and writing at home. Every parent who attends can choose a FREE picture book for their child. If you have a younger than school age child, he/she can come too but please look after them yourself. The session will run from 8.50am onwards until you are ready to go (with the FREE story book handed out after the reading speakers have done their bit). We have no idea how many will come so be prepared for a bit of a squeeze or conversely, to have a lot of tea or coffee to drink!

We will be seeking your ideas as to other subjects to cover in future tea/coffee mornings.

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents and the FoWG who helped organise our recent Eid celebration. It was a wonderful community event with lots to do and amazing food and drink. It will clearly become an annual event that will go from strength to strength. I so appreciate the generosity of all parents who contributed to the event by making or donating food or running an activity. As a result over £1400 was raised for school.



Birthday Treats

We understand that you wish to treat your children and others for birthdays but ask for no sweets or cakes to be sent in for other children in the class. It is possible otherwise, with 30 children or more in a class, that children could be going home with sweets nearly every week. If you do want to treat the class, then a box of raisins, piece of fruit, a pencil or some other healthy treat would be best. We think this approach enables parents to determine, for themselves, how many sweets their child eats.



Yoga class every **TUESDAY 6.45pm to 7.45pm** in the school hall.

All levels, including beginners are welcome, 14 years of age upwards. Please bring your own yoga mat (preferably a good quality non slip mat) and a bottle of water.

The class costs £5 (£3.50 under 16). **Open to the public.**

Please arrive 5-10 minutes early so the class can start on time. You are welcome to park in the school grounds. Class runs during half-term as well. If you would like to attend the class you can book a place by email:

lauriemaeyoga@gmail.com or call/text: [07715673525](tel:07715673525) OR just turn up on the night.

Parent Calendar for 2016/17

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| OCT | |
| 5 | Whole School Parents Evening (excluding Pre-School) 5pm to 8pm |
| 6 | Pre School Parents Evening 4pm to 7.30pm |
| 10 | Whole School Parents Evening (excluding Pre-School) 4pm to 6pm |
| 26 | Year 2 and 3 Parents Maths Workshop 6pm to 7pm |
| Half Term 17th – 21st October | |
| 25 | Flu Vaccinations |
| NOV | |
| 2 | Year 4 and 5 Parents Maths Workshop 6pm to 7pm |
| 11 | Year 4 Trip to Flag Fen |
| DEC | |
| 2 | Decorations Day |
| 7 | Foundation Stage Nativity to Parents 9.30am to 10.30am |
| 8 | Foundation Stage Christmas Party |
| 8 | KS2 St Peters Church Christmas Performance 9.30am to 10.30am |
| 12 | KS1 Christmas Performance to Parents 2pm |
| 13 | Year 3 Christmas Party |
| 14 | Christmas Dinner |
| 14 | Year 1 and 2 Christmas Parties |
| 15 | Years 4 and 5 Christmas Parties |
| 16 | School Closes |
| SPRING TERM | |
| JAN | |
| 4 | School Opens to children in the main school |
| 12 | KS2 to The Curve Theatre to see 'The Twits' |
| Mid Term Break 13th February to 17th February | |
| MAR | |
| 2 | World Book Day – Dress up as a Book Character |
| 8 | Whole School Parents Evening (excluding Pre-School) 5pm to 8pm |
| 9 | Pre-School Parents Evening 4pm to 7.30pm |
| 13 | Whole School Parents Evening (excluding Pre-School) 4pm to 6pm |
| 24 | Comic Relief |
| 31 | Easter Magic Show |
| APR | |
| 7 | Whole School Closes (excluding Pre-School) |
| 14 | Pre-School Closed (Re Opens 18 th April 2017) |
| SUMMER TERM | |
| MAY | |
| 1 | Bank Holiday Monday – Whole School Closed (including Pre-School) |
| 4 | County Council Elections (to be confirmed) |
| 11 | School Group Photos |
| Half Term Break 29th May to 2nd June | |
| JUNE | |
| 5 to 7 | Year 3 to Beaumanor Residential |
| 13 | Foundation Stage and Pre-School Sports Day 9.30am |
| 14 | KS1 Sports Day 9.30am |
| 15 | KS2 Sports Day 9.30am |
| JUL | |
| 10 | School Reports Home |
| 13 | Whole School/Pre-School Closes Thursday Evening (except for Pre-School 'All Year Round' Pupils for whom the school year ends on Friday evening 18 th August) |

Also, don't forget the Parents' coffee/tea morning on 2nd Nov at the start of school (see over)

The above dates could change. Please check for calendar updates on the website or in newsletters.