



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We trust you've all had a lovely break over the summer holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very warm welcome back to school and let you know about forthcoming events and dates for the year.

Let me start by saying what a wonderful first few days to the term we've had. All the children have returned looking very smart and I've been greeted with bright smiles each morning! They've settled brilliantly into their new classes and are learning all about their routines and topics for this term. Your child's class teacher will be sending a letter home shortly with these details for your information. We will also be holding parent information sessions this month to enable teachers to elaborate on their start of year letter, provide you with the opportunity to meet the class teacher, see your child's classroom and ask any questions. The dates for your child's class meeting can be found in our diary dates section. We hope you find these sessions useful.

Following staff training in the summer, we are implementing our Inspire Maths Programme this term. The school is delighted with the resources and INSET and we've attached a parent leaflet detailing some of the different language and models we will be using in school for your information.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so diligently over the summer holidays to help school with decoration, signage, clearing outdoor areas and generally making the school a more vibrant environment for our children. We are very pleased with our fenced area on the lower field which has provided our children with an additional secure area where they can play. The Reception outdoor area has had a major makeover and the all-weather flooring has enhanced our outdoor provision further. We will continue to work through our premises action plan to ensure that the school is a safe, clean, vibrant environment for our children.

We're happy to be able offer an array of clubs again this term and would urge your child to sign up quickly to ensure they get a place. If they do miss out this term we will make sure they get priority next term for the club they want to attend.

Writing Competition

We have launched this half term's writing competition. The children have been shown two picture prompts and have been asked to write a story based on one of these. The pictures are displayed in the hall and details are also on the school website. There is a new writing competition section in the Kids Zone area on the website where each competition can be found and all entries will be posted.

Prizes this year will not be sweets or chocolates as we have signed up to the Phunky Foods initiative to help encourage healthy eating and well-being. Children will be having an assembly all about the Phunky Foods project on Monday next week and spend time in class throughout the year building on their learning.

Please find attached a list of diary dates for the year. These will updated with any additions or changes each month and this can also be found on our website. I hope you find this useful. In the meantime, if anyone has any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. If I am unable to speak to you immediately, I will arrange a mutually convenient time as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Sharp