

We welcomed our children into nursery and reception last week ; they have settled very quickly and have enjoyed exploring their classrooms both indoors and out. Please note the gate will remain closed to the Early Years area until 8.40am in the morning and 3.15pm in the afternoon. Our reception children tasted their first school lunch this week—we were joined by their parents too.



Dates for the Diary

Class Assemblies

29/9	5F
6/10	4Y
13/10	3L

School Journey

25-29 Sept 17
Year 6

Parent consultation meetings

Tuesday 17th and
Wednesday 18th October

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended the information sessions on applying for secondary schools. Remember your deadline for the online application is **31st October 2017.**



Year 6 are off to the Dorset seaside for their residential trip next week—we hope they have a fabulous time and the sun shines for them—we will share some photos with you in the next newsletter.

Uniform reminders

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school, including the correct footwear—trainers or plimsolls.
No jewellery except for small stud earrings.
Bows etc. in hair—white, blue or yellow.



SAFEGUARDING

Medicines in school

We can only administer medicines to your children if they have been prescribed by your doctor.

We can not give them calpol, aspirin etc. unless your doctor has prescribed this.

Our learning leaflets are now on our website. Please do take a look to see what topics, areas of maths and English your child is covering. If you want to know how best to help your child at home do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher or look out for our parent information events that we put on during the year.

Lastly, I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating Mrs Goulas and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby boy, born last week.

OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF TERM IS SELF RESPONSIBILITY

Definition: Taking responsibility for our actions and learning.

Attendance

We are aiming for 96% attendance this academic year. That means no more than 10 days off in a year.

Remember - no holidays during term time will be authorised.

Please bring your child to school on time. Our first lesson of the day is reading. If your child misses 10 minutes of this every day that equals 32.5 hours of lost learning time over a year.

Reminders

A reminder that school uniform is

Royal blue/French navy blue jumpers or sweat-shirts

Pale yellow polo shirts

Dark grey or black trousers or skirts (no jogging bottoms)

Black low-heeled shoes (no trainers or open-toed shoes)

No jewellery, except for stud earrings

Hair - No tram lines or patterns in children's hair.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Year groups will enjoy a variety of activities and trips this year. When you receive a letter regarding a forthcoming school trip, please ensure you read the contents carefully and **complete and return the consent slips**.

Trip letters will contain important information, such as departure and return times, as well as asking you to let us know if you would like the school to provide a packed lunch, **if** your child is in receipt of a free school meal (including those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).



Main School Gates in Church Street

Unfortunately some parents are continuing to wedge open the main school gates on Church Street when they visit during the school day. **This is a serious health and safety risk** as the school cannot control who enters the grounds. **PLEASE help us** to keep our school community safe by ensuring the gates are **NOT** wedged open and are closed when you leave the school grounds.

Importance of Up-to-Date Information

You will have received a student update form. **It is very important** that you read through this form and update any changes, i.e. address, mobile phone number, email address, and return this form to the school office.

This information is held confidentially on our Management Information System and enables us to contact you regularly with school news via text and email and, more importantly, to contact you in the event of an emergency. Please return the form to the school office, even if there are no changes.

Thank you.

TERM DATES - Academic Year 2017 - 2018

Date	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Term Start/end	Wednesday 6 September to Friday 22 December 2017	Thursday 4 January to Thursday 29 March 2018	Monday 16 April To Thursday 19 July 2018
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2017	Monday 12 February To Friday 16 February 2018	Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June 2018
School Holiday	Christmas Break Monday 25 December to Wednesday 3 January 2018	Easter Break Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April 2018	May Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018 First Day of Summer holiday Friday 20 July 2018
INSET DAYS	4 September 2017 5 September 2017 20 October 2017		22 June 2018 20 July 2018

Bank holidays:

25 and 26 December 2017

1 January, 30 March, 2 April, 7 and 28 May, 27 August 2018

INSET Days:

4 September 2017

5 September 2017

20 October 2017

22 June 2018

20 July 2018

PLEASE NOTE: NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE AUTHORISED DURING TERM TIME