



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

Whole school half-term homework:

RESPECT

Who do you respect? Draw or paint a picture of your chosen person and make a frame to surround it. On the back, give 5 reasons why this person is worthy of your respect. Your picture will then be displayed in the school entrance for all our visitors to see.



Welcome Back to School!

Only 6 weeks until Christmas, how is that even possible? I hope you all enjoyed the week off and made the most of the last of the amazing weather.

Please be extra-vigilant with the care of your children during the busy drop-off and pick up times and ensure they are close to you when near the traffic.

A few parents have spoken to staff over the last half-term about their child's behaviour and development, often seeking reassurance of 'normal' behaviour. If you haven't already done so, please watch the new series of 'The Secret Life of 4,5,6 Year Olds' as it provides an interesting insight into this and may answer some of your questions. It's also thoroughly entertaining. It will hopefully reassure you that every child and every family is unique and we should embrace these differences as learning experiences. I know I will be glued to it and find the psychologists' narrative fascinating. Have a safe weekend, Mrs Dalton

Pelicans Class—Please remember to invite family members to Mr Deadman's Christmas tea party on Tuesday 10th November at 1.45pm. A chance for guests to share their Christmas memories.



Children in Need 2015 - Friday 13th November is Children in Need day. Children to dress as their favourite superhero.....£1 donation towards the charity



DIARY DATES

Year 5 Swimming
12th November

Children in Need
13th November

Parent Forum
17th November at 2.15pm

Trip Launch Meeting
17th November at 3.30pm

**Tempest Individual/Sibling
Photo's**
19th November

**Advent Communion/ Decorations
Day**
30th November

INSET Day
4th December

Please see our website for more diary dates including our Christmas Nativity/Play dates.

Attendance by Class

**Congratulations to Pelicans Class
with 98.9%
attendance!**

Government guidelines state that attendance should be 96.1%. Our whole school attendance is 97.1% (06.11.15)

Please ensure your child only takes time off for medical reasons. If they are unwell and absent from school please call 01726 64322 to inform us.

Rainbows 1	93.0
Rainbows 2	93.5
Little Doves	98.6
Little Fish	97.0
Little Lambs	97.1
Peacocks	96.9
Phoenix	96.4
Pelicans	98.9
Angels	95.3
Faith	97.0
Hope	96.5

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St Luke's Church Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday – please note that our service begins a little earlier than usual at 10.55 promptly. All welcome

Saturday 28th November – Christmas Fair – a fun-filled afternoon for all the family to enjoy. The proceeds of the main raffle will be shared with the school and tickets will be sent out very soon. Please look out for a white envelope with yellow paper inside. There are 4 tickets included. They cost 50p each and we hope you will be able to sell them to family and friends and return the £2 in the envelope provided. If you need extra ticket sheets they will be available at school reception. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are writing to you ahead of the approaching norovirus season, to ask for your help this winter, to reduce the Spread of norovirus. We hope the following points help to minimise the risk of outbreaks in your schools and nurseries. We are also writing to GP practices and pharmacies.

As you will know, norovirus causes viral gastroenteritis, which is characterised by the sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it can spread rapidly in closed environments such as schools and nursing homes. However, most people do not require treatment and recover at home within one or two days.

Norovirus is easily transmitted from person to person and by consuming contaminated food or water or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects.

If someone develops symptoms of norovirus, please help avoid further spread in the community by reminding their parent or carer of the following points. People with symptoms of norovirus should:

- Stay away from work or school until free of symptoms for at least 48 hours
- Drink plenty to replace lost fluids. If symptoms persist (more than 48 hours) phone the GP or the NHS non-emergency number 111 for advice.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly, particularly after toilet visits and before eating. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against norovirus,
- Avoid visiting friends or relatives in hospital or residential care homes as there is a real risk of spreading the Infection to others.
- Stay at home, ensure personal hygiene is good, particularly hand-washing, and avoid contact with others where possible.
- Clean hard surfaces such as toilets at least daily and when contaminated. Using a cleaning product that is active against viruses may provide additional disinfection
- Wash soiled clothing and fabrics on the hottest wash the material will withstand
- Do not handle or prepare food for other people until symptom free for a minimum period of 48 hours.

As you may know, the elderly and the very young can sometimes get a more severe infection the GP or the non emergency number 111 for advice.

If you have any queries about this letter, or need to report a D&V outbreak or have an increase in the number of cases being reported please do not hesitate to call the local Public Health England Centre on Tel: 0300 303 8162 Opt 2 (for Health Protection) Opt 1 (the South)

BBKids News

The evenings are getting darker so if you are collecting your child after 4:30pm, please do so via the main reception. From Monday, 9th November, a push-button door bell will be made available in the reception area. Please press the bell and someone from After School Club will meet you to handover your child. We are hoping to install an intercom system soon; please bear with us until this work is complete.

Please also note that if your child is to be collected by anyone different, we must be informed in advance. Please call the office with this information. Your child's safety is paramount and we will not release children to anyone without parental permission.

In addition, we understand that you may wish to pass information to your child's class teacher via BBKids staff. To ensure that messages do not go astray, please write a note to the teacher for your child to pass on. Alternatively, drop a note into the office or speak to a member of our admin team as they will be happy to inform the class teacher on your behalf.

Many thanks.