



We hope you feel that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are always open to reviewing our equity policies.

⇒ **WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!**

Welcome back to school! We hope that you're just as excited to be back as we are.

⇒ **CLASS LETTERS**

Class letters and Curriculum Reviews were sent out last Wednesday. These give more information on your child's learning and their class topic for this term. If you haven't yet received a copy please see your child's class teacher.

⇒ **STAFFING REMINDER**

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistants
Eden	Mrs Hayes	Mrs Cookson & Miss Dash
Hendra	Miss Brotherhood	Miss Rosevear
Prosper	Miss Morton & Miss Bevis	Miss Grubb & Mrs Wade
Karslake	Mr Tonkin	Ms Grindrod & Mrs Varney
Melbur	Miss Morrison & Mrs Cooper	Mrs Miskowicz
Drinnick	Mr Barritt	Mrs Williams
Rosemellyn	Mrs Jago	Mrs Kitts

Also, a reminder that Mrs Wicks is remaining as Headteacher for this half term only (her last day with duties being 17th October). Miss Morton will be Acting Headteacher from 29/10/18-04/01/19, during this time Miss Bevis will teach Prosper class full time.

⇒ **HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT**

Interviews for the new Headteacher will take place on **Thursday 27th and Friday 28th September**, and parents will be invited in to meet the candidates. Further information regarding the interviews will be sent home in due course.

⇒ **WALKING BUS**

The walking bus was a great success last term so we will continue to run the scheme. Letters have been sent out again this week for you to sign your child up to our Walking Bus for the Autumn term.

⇒ **CHURCHROOMS CAR PARK**

While the Churchrooms roof is being repaired, the car park is out of bounds. St Stephen's Parish Council will notify us when it can be used by parents again, which might not be for a few weeks. To alleviate traffic congestion, the drop off time has been extended to 8:30am-9:00am and pick up from 2:50pm-3:10pm. The walking bus will also start next week. Forms for this were sent home yesterday.

Thank you for your co-operation and patience.

Please can parents help out by walking to school (if possible), car sharing or parking at other areas in Nanpean (eg. the car park opposite Grenville Meadows, the car park outside Nanpean AFC) and walking down to school.

⇒ **TIMES TABLE ADVENTURE**

During the school year children from Year 2 to Year 6 will continue to take part in our Times Table Adventure. This scheme has been designed to motivate children to practise and learn their times tables at home.

It centres on a story about a princess who has lost the precious jewels from her magical ring.

Each week the children will practise their allocated times table using a times table square that will be sent home with them by their teacher. They will then be tested on these times tables the following week by answering a series of questions about the times table within a 3 minute time limit. If the children get all of the answers correct, they will receive the next part of the story with the new times table square for the times table they need to practise.

If you have any questions at all about the scheme, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

BUSY BEES

Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional.



Flynn Herring - for independently completing his R & R task in English.

⇒ **New Reading Records**

This year we have designed and printed our own reading records. This will hopefully make it easier to keep a total of reading points for the Reading Challenge and to record the various reading activities that take place at home. There is a full explanation on the first page of the new reading record as well an 'example week' to explain how to use it.

Key Points:

- There is a new page for each week
- Fill in each reading activity that takes place at home during the week.
- Use the speech bubble to communicate any information that you wish to share about your child's reading.
- The school will fill in the 'Reading Points' every Monday.
- The school will allocate Accelerated Reader bonus points for passing quizzes (if applicable).

⇒ **Reading Challenge**

This year we will be continuing to reward children who engage in reading activities at home, with books! The Reading Challenge will follow exactly the same format as last year.

Reception and Year 1 and any other children not on Accelerated Reader

50 points— Certificate

100 points—Bookmark and certificate

150 points—Choose a book to keep from the school box and a certificate

200 points—Visit to a bookshop to choose own book to keep!

Year 2 and KS2

75 points—Certificate

150 points—Bookmark and certificate

225 points—Choose a book to keep from the school box and a certificate

300 points—Visit to a bookshop to choose own book (within a set price limit) to keep

2 bonus points for passing an AR quiz. 3 bonus points for passing a quiz and getting 100%.

The one change this year is that any of the following reading activities will count towards the Reading Challenge.

1. Read something electronically e.g. computer game, Kindle, etc.
2. Read a non-fiction text e.g. recipe, menu, etc.
3. Have someone read to you.
4. Read a comic or magazine.
5. Read anything in a place you have never read before.
6. Read my school book.

Only **one** activity per day will count towards the Reading Challenge. It is expected that your child engages with a reading activity at home 5 times a week in KS2 and 3 times a week in KS1.

⇒ **New Caretaker**

We would like to welcome our new Caretaker, Mr Mike Pieniak (aka Mr P). He will introduce himself in next week's newsletter. But, in the meantime, you can say hi when you see him on the gate after school every day.

⇒ **After School Clubs**

After school club letters will be sent home on Monday 10th September. Places in clubs will generally be issued on a 'first come first served basis' but we do endeavour to make sure all children who hand their forms in by the deadline are allocated a place in at least one of their chosen clubs. The clubs will commence on Monday 17th September and will run from 3:15pm with a prompt finish at 4:00pm.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11th September—Year 6 Stay Safe session 1

18th-21st September—Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability

Monday 24th September—Tempest individual photos

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th September—
HEADTEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 3rd October, 2pm—Harvest Service (Y4 & Y6 leading)

Wednesday 3rd October—Brannel Open Evening

Wednesday 10th October, 9am—Parents Forum

Monday 8th October, 3:10pm—Celebration of Learning Event

9th-12th October—Y5/6 London Residential

Wednesday 17th October—Mrs Wicks' last day

Thursday 18th October—INSET DAY 2

Friday 19th October—INSET DAY 3

22nd-26th October—October half term break

Wednesday 31st October—Brannel's Trunk or Treat

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th November—Year 3's Macbeth performance, Brannel School

Wednesday 7th November, 3:30-6:30pm—Parent consultations

Thursday 8th November, 1:30-4:30pm—Parent consultations

Friday 9th November—Brannel's Fireworks Night

Tuesday 13th November—Year 6 Transition Day at Brannel School

Friday 16th November—Brannel Student Takeover Day

Friday 30th November—Immunisations for Years R to 5

Wednesday 5th December, 9am—Parents Forum

Wednesday 5th December—Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 11th December, 2:00pm—KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 11th December, 5:30pm—KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 12th December, 2:00pm—KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 12th December, 2:00pm—Brannel Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 19th December, 1:30pm—Christmas Fair

Thursday 20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks
Headteacher

