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Updates last half term

Last half term was very busy. The children participated in a number of fun learning activities, visit to Arundel Castle, sports festivals, sporting events and singing concerts to name a few. We are now looking forward to a sunny final half term with warmer weather!

We have completed all the statutory tests we are required to do in Years 2 and 6. We will be sharing the outcomes of these and other year groups assessments, with families in the school end of year achievement reports which will be sent home on Tuesday 9 July.

The May Fayre was a huge success despite the weather and the money raised £3,500 will be used to develop the outside play areas of the school.

Over the next few weeks, we will be adding a new outside classroom and a new athletics/sports shed on the field. The new shed is being supported by a donation from Roffey Robins Football Club, who use the school site as their home ground during the football season.

The next half term is already looking very busy with a number of events planned. Please remember to check the diary page attached to this newsletter. Further updates can be found on the school website calendar.



Staffing Updates for 2019 - 2020

Over the last few weeks, the school has been very busy appointing teachers for the new academic year following the resignation of Mrs Towey (Giraffe Class) and Miss Ray (Penguin class). Mrs Towey is re-locating to Warwickshire and Miss Ray is moving to Kent. We would like to thank both teachers for their committed support and enthusiasm and wish them both success in their new positions.

Miss Mathews (Eagle Class) will also be leaving the school following the completion of her contract, to move to Greenway Academy in Horsham. Following a very successful appointment process, we are pleased to announce that Mr Dodds will be joining the school to teach in Key stage 2. He is currently teaching in Dubai and will be returning to England for September. Mr Munro and Miss Perry-Mason will be also joining the staff as full-time teachers. Both have already starting working with the school to prepare for the next academic year by joining the staff at the inset day on Monday

Special dates of Interest:

- Infant Sports afternoon 9.7.2019
- Junior Sports morning 28.6.2019
- Tour de Leechpool 26.6.2019
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00 a.m.18.7.2019
- End of Term 19.7.2019

See the Diary Page Updates for further dates for this term

School Places

The new reception classes for 2019 - 2020 are again full and we have a waiting list, which we are all delighted about. Again this year we were a popular choice for new families.

Due to a large demand for school places at Leechpool, could families please let us know if they will be moving children from the school at the end of this term. We have long waiting lists for some classes and we are keen to ensure that families wanting to come to the school are informed as early as possible. Thank you.

Class arrangements for 2019– 2020

A separate letter regarding teaching arrangements will be sent to families. This letter informs families of the teacher allocations for September 2019.

All children will be told their Class Teacher's name and will have an opportunity to visit their new class on Wednesday 3 July 2019. We will be displaying all class lists outside the School Office on this day.

Every year we review and make changes to the current Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 groupings. All other year groups across the school will be remaining unchanged.



Reminders

Equipment in School

Please ensure your child has all the equipment in school for the start of each day, including lunches, PE kits, appropriate clothing etc. We frequently have to take forgotten items up to class which is extremely time consuming for a busy office.

Illness

Children must be free of any symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea for 48 hours before returning to school. This is for the protection of all children and staff to avoid spreading further illness.



Water bottles and sun cream protection

Could we please remind all families that children should attend school with a water bottle, hat and sun screen cream already applied on hot sunny days. We do monitor the time children are exposed to the sun and plan accordingly, providing times out of the sun etc. See the school website for further information.

Parking

Could we please remind everyone to park away from the school at the beginning and end of the school day and especially during wet weather. Areas for safe parking are very limited.

At all times we would ask that you give full consideration to all our local residents who do much to support our school. Thank you.



Scooters and Bicycles

Please can we remind you that scooters and bicycles **must not** be ridden on the school site. We would also ask that children are supervised as they ride their scooters along the pathways around the school.

We would also like to remind families that helmets should be worn at all times. This is clearly stated in our cycle and scooter policy. **To ensure that we know who is riding bicycles and scooters to school, all users must have a bike or scooter licence.** These can be completed via the school office. Thank you.

Lost Property

Could all children please be encouraged to look after their equipment and uniform. We currently have a great deal of uniform without names on and this is now in the lost Property Boxes in the junior and infant playgrounds. Please check and reclaim your child's items.

Playground Equipment

Could we please remind you that the outdoor climbing frames should not be used before school or after school as we do not have staff available to supervise or enough space for all the children to go on it!

The school will not be held responsible for any accidents should children use the equipment at these times.

Telephone messages about going home arrangements

At the end of the school day, the School Office is very busy and it is very difficult to pass on picking up arrangements after 2.00 p.m so please make sure any changes to arrangements are shared before this time. We understand that sometimes an emergency may occur and on these occasions we will happily help,

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office. We hope you like the new style of this newsletter.

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