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Newsletter 1 – 9th September 2016
'We work well together and on our own.'
Diary Dates

All clubs start this week
Meet the Teacher Y4
Year 3 Scooter Training
Break Up for Half Term
Year 4 Safer, Fitter, Greener Road Safety
Individual School Photos

Week beg: 12th September
Monday 12th September
Monday 19th September (pm)
Thursday 20th October
Monday 3rd October
Friday 4th November

INSET Days
Monday 26th September 2016
Friday 21st October 2016
Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Headteacher's News

We have had a super start to our new school year with a very smart set of children coming in eager and ready to learn; our new teachers are already starting to feel part of our school family. It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher events (just Maple Y4 class to go). Any information which was shared will be put on the website as soon as we can.

Our most exciting change has been the launch of our Out of School Club which is now up and running; we have had nothing but positive feedback from all of the children who have attended so far. We are fortunate to have the club run by already familiar faces - Mrs Young, Mrs Bracey, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Edwards – so they already know the children and what sort of activities would suit them.

And finally, some comings and goings. I would like to welcome: the Horvath family, Bence Y6 and Aron Y4; the Hewer family, Ella in Y4; Theo in Y2 and all of the new families in our new Reception classes. We are saying goodbye this week to the King family, Charlotte in Y6 and Jake in Y1, and to Aydin in Y4. We wish them well for the future. Today is also the last day for Mel Clarke who leaves us after over 1 ½ years as part of our cleaning team. We wish to thank her for all of her cleaning and 'elbow grease' and to wish her well in her new job.

Have a good weekend everyone. I intend to try to get a glimpse of the cyclists as they race around Bristol.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry:
Year 1 Oak: Carson
Year 2 Ash: Eleanor
Year 3 Lime: Ella-Mae
Year 4 Maple: Aron, Ella
Year 5 Sycamore: Endry
Year 6 Cedar: Cameron



Attendance

YR Cherry %
Y1 Oak 97.0%
Y2 Ash 95.1%
Y3 Lime 99.6%
Y4 Maple 100.00%
Y5 Sycamore 90.5%
Y6 Cedar 98.4%

Total 91.8%



Learning to Learn and Crown Values

Our Crown Values have slightly changed this year to fit in with some 'Learning to Learn' skills we want the children to develop. For Term 1 the Crown Value is 'We work well together and on our own'. The Learning to Learn skill we will be focusing on this term will be Teamwork and this will be represented by a Bee.

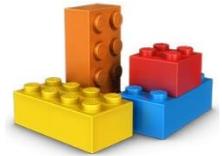


Children in Need Grant

Good news! Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Matthews have been successful in their bid for £9600 to provide Play Therapy sessions for some of our children. These will be run by Mrs Kelly Mogg who has already been doing some Play Therapy sessions in our school. A great achievement.

Lego

The Out of School Club needs some Lego to add to their choices of things to do. Do you have any you would like to donate or to sell second hand? Please contact the school office if you have.



Cleaner

We are currently looking for a Cleaner, the hours are Monday to Friday 6.00am – 8.30am, please check out the school website for further details. The closing date is Monday 12th September.

Out of School Club

Drop off and pick up

If you are picking up or dropping children for Out of School Club, please use the hall door and not the main entrance. It has a doorbell which you can ring if the door is closed.

Booking Process

All the forms and full details of the booking process are on the website under "Out of School Club" in "General Information".

At the moment we are not at full capacity so we can take last minute bookings if you suddenly need the childcare. Please just turn up or give the office a call.

First Week of Fun

Here are some photos showing the fun that we have had this week with all our new toys!!



Pupil Data Collection

We will be sending forms home with your children next week with all the information that we hold about them. Please could you check that the information is correct, make any changes or fill in the blanks and then send them back to us by **Wednesday 21st September 2016**. Thank you!

Cardiff – City of Unexpected

If you have some spare time next weekend, **Saturday 17th and 18th September**, why don't you think about going to Cardiff. They are celebrating 100 years since Roald Dahl's birth by creating an amazing 'City of Unexpected'. There will be lots of free street events throughout the city as well as ticketed readings of some of his stories. If you are interested have a look at the link below for more information.
<http://www.cityoftheunexpected.wales/>

Fruit KS2

If your child would like fruit for Term 1 please send £2.38 or you can pay £22.15 for the whole year. Please send money into the office in a named envelope before Wednesday 14th Sept. Fruit will commence on Monday 26th September.

Girls (please make sure all items are named)



- yellow polo-shirt
- grey skirt or pinafore, or
- grey or black trousers
- royal blue fleece or cardigan
- white, grey or black socks
- blue and white or yellow and white summer dress
- plain black flat shoes
- long hair tied up
- scrunches etc in school colours
- plain studs only if ears pierced

Boys (please make sure all items are named)

- yellow polo-shirt
- grey or black trousers
- royal blue fleece or jumper
- white, grey or black socks
- plain black flat shoes (no logos)
- hair not extreme eg no Mohicans
- plain studs only if ears pierced



Most uniform can be bought online from School Trends which can be found via the link on our website. Currently, the school office stocks and sells polo shirts and book bags.

House T-shirt

Throughout the year, the children will be asked to come in wearing their House colour so a T-shirt would be useful.

PE Kit

We have had a real problem in recent weeks with children not having their PE Kit in school. It is really important that one is left in school for the whole term.

- white T-shirt (No T-shirts with logos on are allowed.)
- change of socks preferred
- black shorts
- training shoes or daps
- a draw-string bag
- black tracksuit trousers when cold (the children will also wear their fleece)

These are examples from Asda. Ballet- type shoes look smart and are acceptable for girls but please be aware they tend to be impractical when running around as they come off easily and don't seem to last very long.

