



Updates

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Dear parents,

We hope you enjoyed receiving our recent newsletter and aim to keep you regularly updated this academic year.

Aldi Kit for Schools

We have had many parents asking if we are collecting the Aldi Kit for Schools stickers and we are pleased to announce that we are. In return for collecting the stickers, the school has the chance of winning an incredible amount of money, but will also be able to exchange the collected stickers for free sports kit. Stickers are issued at the checkout when you spend £30 or more.

Please bring your stickers to the office and leave with the staff or use the postbox in Reception.

Parent Consultations

In our recent newsletter, we issued dates for the first Parent Consultations of the new academic year. Unfortunately, due to a file sharing issue the dates are incorrect. The **parent consultations are to be held on the evenings of 12th and 14th November** and not the 1st and 3rd October as stated.

The rationale behind the change is that leaving the parent consultations until November enables the teachers to have a more in-depth knowledge of your child and you will be able to have a more meaningful discussion on the progress they have made so far.

There are lots of opportunities for parents to come into school through the next few weeks, to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions, Harvest Feast, an Open afternoon on 17th October, as well as dates for parent workshops on various topics coming soon. At these events and at any time after school, parents can chat to teachers about how the children are settling into their new classes. We will let you know in a future newsletter once the parent consultation times are available to book.

MyChildAtSchool

We have now completed testing the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) module within our MIS system and you should have log in details which have been sent to each pupil's parents/carers.

MyChildAtSchool is replacing Parentmail and Starz and once set up we will no longer be sending out paper letters other than private and confidential correspondence, as is common in most schools now.

To ensure you are receiving all the latest updates please could you ensure the school has your current email address by sending us an email with the title "MCAS". ***In providing this information you are consenting to us holding it solely for the purpose of sending you school related information and we will hold it on file for the length of time that your child is with us, unless you choose to unsubscribe, which you can do at any time.***

Class Dojo

If you are not currently signed up to Class Dojo please do let your child's teacher know and we can arrange this for you. Class Dojo is key to communicating directly with the classroom.

Online payments

As we shared in the summer term, online payments are also in development and will be available very soon. We will let you know as soon as this is ready to take payments. Please be aware that after half term we will no longer be able to process cash payments or cheques.

Exposure to Illness & Vaccination

If you or any of your children are exposed to any infectious illnesses, whilst it is fine for them to come into school, we ask that you please let us know. Some of our school community are vulnerable due to reduced immune systems, for a variety of reasons. Being forewarned helps us keep everyone healthy.

Last year the school was hit by a significant flu virus and this year we are signed up to protect ourselves by arranging vaccinations for staff and pupils. A letter about the flu jabs came out to you all; please ensure that you follow the link to sign your child up ASAP.
<https://tinyurl.com/yxdgthug>

The link closes on the Monday 30th September.

School Menu

From Monday 30th September, please note the soup option on the School Menu will change to be Tomato soup every week. A new menu will be uploaded to the School website as soon as possible to reflect this change.

After School Activities

Premier Sports are currently offering a variety of sports clubs after school, details of which can be found at www.premier-education.com and by searching for the school. If you do sign your child up to an after school activity, please let the office know if they decide not to attend one of the sessions.

Health and Safety

Many children bring bikes and scooters into school which we continue to welcome and encourage. However, given that it is busy school site, especially with so many smaller children and toddlers at the start and end of the day, we insist that pupils get off and walk their bike or scooter on site. Please speak with your child about the risks involved and ensure that they comply, thus keeping everyone safe. Staff are usually on hand to remind them and if individuals continue to ride in, they will be banned from bringing them onsite for a week.

Evacuation and Invacuation

We regularly practice emergency evacuation of the building, and have also started discussing and practicing invacuation (where everyone needs to get inside for safety).

On Monday pupils were guided to safety for a short time; they were not at risk but were guided inside as a precautionary measure. We had recently been discussing our 'Invacuation' protocols and staff very sensibly utilised this to get the children inside in an efficient and effective manner and I am pleased to report that it works well.

Incidents such as these, though rare, are not uncommon in schools and should not be a cause for concern. I understand it may have created a bit of a stir on this occasion, as it was the first time it had happened. In future, we will be practicing full invacuations from time to time so that in the event of a true, high-risk emergency, staff and pupils do this as second nature which minimises distress.

Please also be aware that in the event of a real emergency the local authority protocols, in line with National guidance, are not to inform parents until it is safe and appropriate to do so. In this event, please also bear in mind that it would take considerable time to inform all parents. Should you have any further concerns please do get in touch.

Governors' News

Governors have met as a Full Governing Body and for the Finance and Personnel sub-committee so far this term. Governors expressed appreciation of the new office layout and improved entrance to the school. Amongst other subjects, they discussed the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which provides an overview of the school year, focussing on the main areas for the school's development. It is a document that every school uses and adapts to its needs. Discussion was also had regarding the shortfall in educational funding nationally and how we need to ensure that our budget is sustainable over the next 3-5 years without impacting on the quality of teaching in the school.

Hilary Sanderson and Ben Willan

October

4th – Harvest Festival Community Collective Worship at St Andrews Church, Sutton 9.30am.

Week Beg 7th - Book Week

Week Beg 7th - Bikeability Y6

Week Beg 14th - Shoebox Appeal

17th - Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Day

17th - Open Afternoon 2pm

17th – Parent Forum 8-8.30am

18th - INSET Day

19th - 27th Half Term Holiday

30th – Parent Forum 5.30-6pm

As always, if you have any comments or concerns you wish to discuss, please do contact us in the usual ways.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher