



What's happened?

We welcome everyone back to the new school term.

Website

Our website has a wealth of information so please look at this regularly. If you don't find what you need please contact the office staff. Your child's class page has already been created and shortly we will upload their timetable, topic web and other useful information so you can see what they are learning.

The annual calendar on our website has the key dates for the whole year including meetings with class teachers, parents evenings, sports days and performance days.

Statutory Test week for Year 6 pupils

Has been confirmed by the Government for the week commencing Monday May 14th 2018. Routine appointments will not be authorised for year 6 pupils between the 14th and the 17th of May 2018.

Computer word processing In school we use 'clicker 7' which is a fantastic piece of software as it reads the children's writing back to them enabling them to correct errors in terms of grammar and spelling. All families received a license and information to download this at home either last January or the previous year. Reception families new to the school will receive this in January 2018 when the children will have begun to write.

After School Clubs - a reminder that when collecting children only the main car park gate can be accessed (not Alton Road).

Jewellery A reminder that we operate a no jewellery policy at school which includes earrings.

Glasses Please buy a sports band to hold on glasses during PE should your child need to wear glasses, £3.50 at your local opticians.

Harvest We are collecting for the Padley Centre who provide meals for those homeless. Donations from today until the 2nd October please (see the attached sheet).

Appeal for spring bulbs for the children to plant around the site. Please send to the school office.

Diary for September

Please see overleaf for parent meetings with your class teacher/s in the hall.

Thursday 14th September - fitness testing day for juniors.

Friday 15th September - fitness testing day for infants.

Monday 18th September - PSA AGM and meeting in the school hall, accessed by car park door to hall. 7.30pm start, everyone welcome. This is an important meeting, PSA need to elect a new Chairperson. For further information ask at the office or contact Trish Wright.

Friday 29th September - school council election day.

Coming Soon:

Friday 13th October - individual and sibling photograph morning, letter to follow.

Friday 27th October at a time in the evening to be arranged, Tim Turner landlord of 'The Greyhound Inn' is holding a Pottery Primary Charity Poker Evening with proceeds to the PSA. £10 a ticket including supper. For more information or to book phone Tim on 01773 525415 so that he can start planning.

Special Mentions

To Alexa T (year 5) for passing Rookie Lifeguard Bronze 3. Enjoy silver. Love Mum, Dad and Logan. X

To Logan T (year 1) for completing stage 3 swimming award. Just keep swimming in stage 4! Love Mum, Dad and Alexa. X

If you would like a special mention for your child please email details or send a note to the school office.

Termly meetings in the hall 8.45am with class teachers:

- Last about 20 - 30 minutes.
- Pre-school children are welcome but please bring some quiet toys!
- Dates for all of these are on our annual calendar on the school website so check out spring and summer 2018 dates for your child/children.

For this term the dates are:

Monday 11th September 8.45am year 3 and 4 Miss Slack, Mrs Kanigowski and Mr Harrison/Mrs Hodgins

Tuesday 12th September 8.45am Reception -Mrs Campbell and Mr Boardman

Wednesday 13th September 8.45am Years 1 and 2 - Miss Dale, Miss Bradley and Mrs Hawkins/Roberts

Friday 15th September 8.45am years 5 and 6 - Miss Illingworth, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Hartley

Staff will produce a short leaflet for parents following the termly meeting, bullet pointing what has been discussed/shared. This will be distributed in children's book bags and will be uploaded to the class page of the website.

Homework (years 1 to 6):

Your child will start to bring home their homework book with relevant tasks to complete over the next week.

In order for homework to be signed off by teachers it is key that an adult at home has read regularly (at least 4 times a week) with the child and that spellings and other set tasks are completed.

Reading material, particularly when children have completed the school colour band scheme, can be wider than the school reading book but please annotate in the reading record what it is that you have read.

If you are sharing the school book please annotate the date, what pages you have read e.g. 25 - 32 and sign this. We would like you to share any comments with staff in the comment box e.g. read well, found exciting/ tricky.

Reading is key to learning across the curriculum. If you have any questions about homework or reading then please ask the relevant class teacher who will be more than happy to discuss this with you as we greatly value home/school support.

You will be able to find a summary of what it means to be 'age expected' in reading, writing and maths on the school website under class pages. The Government expect all children to have achieved age expected criteria by the end of each school year. We welcome your help and support in helping your child to achieve this through completing homework tasks regularly.

Lost Property

Unclaimed property that was not named was taken to the local charity shops in August. Any named items have been returned already or sent to the new class teacher.

Unnamed items we are holding for a short time are:

1. Polka dot raincoat age 10/11 girl
2. Urban outer wera black/white /green raincoat age 13/14
3. Red Bench coat (small)
4. Green coat age 12/13 girl
5. Black girls long puffa coat from Blue Zoo age 8/9
6. Navy puffa coat from Timberland age 10 boys