

Friday 25 September 2020

Dear Parents

Parents' Evening

As you will be aware, we are running our parents' evenings this term on Zoom and we are also trialling an electronic system of booking appointments. We hope that you have all received an invitation and are managing to book a slot with your child's teacher in this format. If you have any issues with this, please call the School office and we will assist you.

Parent Reps

We now have a full complement of Class Reps for this year. Thank you very much for those that have volunteered themselves. We are looking forward to our initial meeting for the term on Thursday 1 October at 11:00am.

Assessment Arrangements

I have spoken to a number of Heads this week regarding the potential impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the assessments this year. It is clear that the majority of schools are planning to keep the format very similar to previous years. The only change may be the dates of some of the assessments. Some schools will be spreading the assessments over a slightly longer period of time and some may be bringing them slightly forward. You will receive further information directly from the schools if you are registered with them.

Coronavirus Update

As the pandemic continues to affect and disrupt our lives, I am keeping abreast of the Government updates to Schools as they arrive.

With some uncertainty about the Government's handling of the situation, I was glad to receive news of a dedicated advice service that has been set up for nurseries, schools and colleges. There is now a clear line of communication for us, in the event of a confirmed case of coronavirus in School.

We remain optimistic that we will continue to stay open to the children and are confident that we have all the correct measures in place to minimize the risk of transmission at School.

Seasonal Colds

We have a number of children currently suffering the effects of the typical runny noses, coughs and colds, which is so common at this time of year. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home until they are better. In this way, we can try and reduce the spread of these minor illnesses within the School community.

I wish you all a lovely, if chilly, weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Sylvester

Curriculum News

Phonics Talk

Thank you to all of those who joined the phonics workshop this week. I trust you found it valuable and informative. For anyone that missed the opportunity, we are very happy to send you a recorded version of the presentation. Please contact the School to arrange.

Please also find attached a summary of the presentation, which I hope may be helpful.

One request was for a recommendation of games that may be played at home. Orchard Toys offer fun and educational games to support children's learning of a variety of early skills. Please find below some phonic games you may enjoy. Orchard Toys are available from Amazon or directly from orchardtoys.com.

Suitable for Half Day:



Suitable for Full Day:



Miss Belzer

Diary Dates:

NLCS 4+ Talk- led by Caroline Gerstein on Tuesday 29 September at 4:30pm

Parent Reps Meeting- Thurs 1 October at 11:00am

Parents Evening
Week of 5 October

TERM DATES

Term Starts:
Thursday 3 September
Term Ends:
Thursday 10 December

Half Term:
Monday 19 October –
Friday 30 October



Class 7 News

Class 7 have had a very exciting week. Some of our favourite activities have included painting our self-portraits, making numbers and using individual pots of playdough.

We have been learning about 'things that go together' such as, knife and fork or cup and saucer. The children have been discussing why these things go together for example, "We need a knife and a fork when we are eating so that we can cut our food."

The children are becoming very good at expressing their thoughts and opinions and, in circle time, we have been discussing 'what makes us happy at school and why?'

In phonics this week we have been developing our knowledge of the sounds p,i,n and writing the letters correctly. We have also been blending words that include these sounds.

In literacy we are continuing to explore rhyming words. The children have particularly enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' and finding the rhyming pairs within the story.

In P.E we have practised balancing. We built our own obstacle course and we used our arms to help us to balance. Outside, we have been using our imagination to have a pretend picnic and cooking meals for our friends.

We have enjoyed learning about our topic 'All About Me.' The children have been telling their friends about all the things that are important to them, such as their birthday and where they live. We are looking forward to continuing this next week.

Class 7 Photo Gallery

