



# Autumn Term - Newsletter 1



Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. It's lovely to see after only a few weeks how well the children have settled into their new classes.

We have lots of exciting plans in place for the coming months. We are linking again with Bath Spa University, having been selected to take part in a brilliant science project: Thinking, Doing, Talking, Science. We will also be linking with the Holburne Museum to take part in a cross curricular creative arts 'Take One' project as well as a silver art workshop.

Please keep a note of the important dates, especially

the remaining TD dates for the year ahead. Diary dates will be updated regularly and the Week Ahead will help to keep you informed of events.

Reminders for key events will always be sent out by home contact to jog your memory! Look out on our website too for news and diary dates.

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Please join us this week for the parent information sessions taking place for each class on Tuesday and the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday

Mrs. Harnden

## OFFICE NOTES

### **Absence Guidelines**

Please phone the school (before 9:30 am) if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Children should not normally return to school for 48 hours if they have sickness/ diarrhea. Please also let us know if your child is going to be late into school for any reason or has a medical appointment.

### **Medical Guidelines**

If your child needs to be given medicine on their return to school, then a consent form needs to be completed in order for us to be able to administer this. Please see staff in reception to collect and complete a form. It is important that you keep us informed/updated of any medical changes to your child's health: e.g asthma, allergies, so that all staff can be made aware of your child's needs.

### **Contact Details**

Please remember to keep us updated of any change of address, contact details or phone numbers during the year. It is important that we have accurate, up to date mobile phone numbers so that we can contact you quickly in any emergency.

## HOLIDAYS

Can I remind parents at the start of the new school year that they should **avoid taking any holidays during term time.**

Government guidelines still do not allow us to authorise any holidays during term time, **unless there are exceptional circumstances for the request.**

**Any such request needs to be made officially (form available from the school office).**

We welcome your support in not booking term time holidays and keeping your child's attendance as high as possible.

## REGISTRATION

Registers for attendance are taken at 9 am (morning) and 1pm (afternoon).

## BREAKTIME SNACKS

As a Healthy School we encourage the children to eat healthily and bring **only fruit/vegetables as a playtime snack, NO NUTS or NUT BASED PRODUCTS.** Little Oaks, Sycamore and Beech class are provided with free fruit/vegetables.

## P.E.

Please ensure children have the correct P.E. kits in school every week for their lessons. For safety reasons long hair should be tied back and no jewellery worn. P.E. lessons will be outside when the weather is fine. Children are able to wear plain jogging bottoms as it gets colder.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1

September 27th	European Day of Languages - wear the colour of your class country Cross Country Running: Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams Parent Information Sessions: Little Oaks 5:30 Elm/Willow: 6:00 Maple/Ash: 6:30 Sycamore/Beech:7:00	
September 28th	Ash Class Swimming - Session 3 Jonathan Meres (Author) visiting: Year 4/5/6	8:25 am 10 am
September 29th	Football League: Week 2 @ John of Gaunt	
September 30th	Macmillan Coffee Morning in school	9:00 onwards
October 4th	KS2 Girl's Indoor Cricket @ Christie Miller	9:15 - 12pm
October 5th	Ash Class Swimming - Session 4	8:25 am
October 6th	National Poetry Day: KS2 group of children to the Town Hall for a Poetry (Josephine Corcoran)/Artist workshop 9:45 - 11:45am Football League: Week 3 @ John of Gaunt	
October 11th	Flu Jab Vaccinations for Year 1,2 and 3 Year 6 Maths Group to Clarendon Harvest Festival Assembly: Parents welcome	9:15 am 2:15 pm
October 12th	Ash Class Swimming - Session 5	8:25 am
October 13th	Football League: Week 4 @ John of Gaunt	
October 14th	Maranatha Assembly	9:05 am
October 17th	Parent Consultation 1 (details will follow)	3:30 onwards
October 19th	Ash Class Swimming - Session 6 Parent Consultation 2 (details will follow)	8:25 am 3:30 onwards
October 20th	Football League: Week 5 @ John of Gaunt	

**\*\*NB Holiday Dates: Monday October 24th - Friday October 28th\*\***

**\*\*Term 2 begins: Monday October 31st\*\***

## ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 2

November 2nd	Ash Class Swimming - Session 7 Maple Class: Forest Schools 1	8:25 am 9:15 am
November 3rd	Football League: Reserve date	

November 7th	Art Leaders Workshop: Holt/Southwick children working together	
November 9th	Ash Class Swimming - Session 8 Maple Class: Forest Schools 2	8:25 am
November 14th	NSPCC Assembly: KS1 and KS2	9:05 am
November 16th	Ash Class Swimming - Session 9 Maple Class: Forest Schools 3	8:25 am 9:15 am
November 21st	NSPCC workshop Year 5 and 6	9-12 am
November 23rd	Ash Class Swimming - FINAL SESSION 10 Maple Class: Forest Schools 4	8:25 am 9:15 am
November 25th	Auction of Promises in the Village Hall	7 pm
November 30th	Maple Class: - Forest Schools 5	9:30 am
December 1st	KS1 Extended Assembly @ St. Katharine's	9:30 am
December 7th	Maple Class: - Forest Schools 6	9:30 am
December 8th	KS2 Extended Assembly @ St. Katharine's	9:30 am
December 12th	Christmas Performance - Dress Rehearsal	9:15 am
December 13th	Christmas Performance 1- KS1/KS2 @ 1:15 pm Christmas Performance 2 - KS2 only @ 6:30 pm	
December 14th	Christmas Performance 3 - KS1 @ 6 pm KS2 @ 6:30 pm	
December 15th	Carol Service @ St Katharine's Church Christmas Party Lunch/Games	9:30 am 12 -3 pm
December 16th	Last Day of Term - School ends at usual time	

**REMINDER OF THE REMAINING T.D. DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

Day 3	Tuesday January 3rd 2017
Day 4	Friday May 26th 2017
Day 5	Monday June 5th 2017