



Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome Back!



A very warm welcome back to school and already we have another busy year planned.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Brown who joins the school as our new Deputy Head Teacher.

Accompanying this letter, you should receive a copy of the autumn term school calendar and a list of helpful reminders. We have tried to ensure that all key dates are on this list, but do keep checking the calendar on the school website.

Additionally this year we have organised 'Welcome Meetings' for each class (except Reception parents, who had their welcome meeting before we broke up). These meetings will allow you to meet with teachers so they can share classroom arrangements; the 'Learning to Learn' expectations and curriculum for the year group your child has moved into, as well as plans for the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, don't worry, full details will be sent home.

In response to parental feedback, we have changed our policy about children changing into plimsolls in school. Unless it is particularly inclement weather, children will no longer change into plimsolls in school – this was wasting a lot of learning time changing shoes and plimsolls do not provide appropriate support to growing feet. Instead, in-line with our current uniform policy, we ask that children come into school in sensible black school shoes, which they will wear throughout the school day. If you wish, children can change into trainers to play football at lunchtimes. The new plimsolls you have just bought are still required as on wet and snowy days children will still be asked to change into them to help protect the school carpets.

As ever, we appreciate your support and look forward to working with you over the coming year to ensure the very best for your child.

Andrew Johnson
Head Teacher

Forthcoming Events

September	
First school swimming session Classes 4	9
Year 6 Parents Meeting at Toot Hill School	9
Year 1 Welcome Meeting 3p.m.	14
Class 2 Welcome Meetint 3p.m.	15
Classes 3 & 4 Welcome Meeting 3p.m.	17
Collective – Rev Gamble	16
Individual Photographs AM	24
Reception parents invitation to school lunch	24
Harvest Service in Church 11.15am	25
OCTOBER	
INSET Day – School Closed	2
Year 1 parents invitation to school lunch	8
PTA School Disco	15

Reminders

Please do keep checking the online calendar on the school website for current dates.

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INSET Days

2015-2016



Please make a note of the school closure dates for this year:

Wednesday 2nd September
Friday 2nd October
Monday 2nd November
Friday 12th February
Monday 25th July



School Lunches

Lunch is provided free of charge for reception and Key Stage 1 children. The cost for Key Stage 2 children will be £75.60 for this half term.

School Swimming 2015-2016

The arrangements for taking pupils swimming is as follows. Additional children will be identified (and parents notified) each term.

Autumn
Class 4

Spring
Class 3

Summer
Class 2

This year we will be exploring values with children. Each term will have a slightly different focus, and this half term we will be looking at 'Taking Care'.

We will be encouraging children to think about how they take care of themselves, each other, their work, their school and the wider world. We are asking children to become 'values detectives' and spot and record values to share in our celebration services on Fridays.

Information/Reminders

Cool Milk

Parents of under five can apply to receive a daily free carton of milk.

Other children in school are entitled to receive a subsidised carton on application to :- www.coolmilk.com

After School Clubs

You will shortly be receiving information about the after school clubs being offered this term. On behalf of the children, I am extremely grateful to those staff and parents who voluntarily give up their time and experience to ensure this happens.

Clubs will start the week beginning 16th September.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We will shortly be sending out nomination letters for a parent governor to join our governing body. If you think you might be interested, or simply want to find out more about the role a school governor, please speak to Mr. Johnson.

Parking - a reminder

One of my major responsibilities as head teacher is ensuring children are kept safe. Can I please remind all parents not to park either on or opposite the yellow zigzag lines outside of school which compromises the safety of our children.

