

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

Look out for information coming home today about Handwriting Week. Next week the children will practice their handwriting daily and there will be prizes for the 'Most Improved' and the 'Best' handwriting for each class.

Clubs will start next week so check your children's bags for letters saying which club they have been allocated.

Reception Update

On behalf of the Reception Team I would like to thank parents for their support during a very busy settling in period. The children have all settled very well and the children are simply buzzing with excitement to continue exploring their new surroundings – we have already taken lots of pictures as evidence! You will have a chance to see this in their learning journals during 'Meet The Teacher' meetings. In line with the Early Years framework we have moved away from the word 'playing' to 'learning' – so children are learning at all times regardless of being indoors or outdoors. Therefore, we have duplicated certain key areas outdoors most noticeably the literacy, reading and mathematics zone. As a result this area can become quite congested especially at the end of the day. Can we please remind all parents/carers to continue supporting us by standing at a clear distance and not in the designated areas when collecting their child. We are sure you understand that we want to dismiss all children safely and as quickly as possible – this will particularly help new members of staff matching up parents to children. I am sure once all staff can recognise all of your faces and names the process will be much quicker. Thank you for your support and co-operation and please remember if you need to speak to your child's key worker or teacher to wait at a safe distance (not near the door) until we have dismissed all children. If you need longer please book an appointment with the office.

Thank you once again,
Soniya Dass EYs Leader

Dropping children in Year 1 or 2 and then going to Reception or Nursery

From Monday, at the beginning and end of the day, the Reception playground gate will be open. If you have children in year 1 and 2 or you use the Caishowe Road entrance you will be able to drop these children at year 1 or 2 and walk down through the KS1 playground and out of the main gate in the Reception playground to the door for Nursery and/or Reception. We hope that this will make it easier for you to drop your children at the relevant doors.

**Meet the Teacher –
Week Beginning 22nd Sept 2014**

Week beginning 22nd September will be an opportunity for you to meet your new class teacher. Come along and find out about the routines and expectations of class. Find out how you can work with school to support your child's learning at home. Watch out for a letter coming home next week.

Reminders**Modelling good behaviour**

It is really important that as adults we provide good models of behaviour. Children learn how to behave socially by copying the models we provide. In school we teach the children to respect each other at all times. Can I remind parents and carers that any inappropriate language will not be tolerated in school. Children copy the language they hear around them and repeat it.

Please help us to teach the children effective models of language.

Jewellery

We have had an increasing variety of jewellery coming into school this new school year. Due to the danger of earrings becoming caught whilst children play we only allow children to wear small plain studs. Children need to be able to take out their own earrings for PE and swimming. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced please make sure this coincides with the 6 week holidays as children are not allowed to take them out for the first few weeks.

PE Kits

School PE kit next year will continue to consist of: A white t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls (indoor) and trainers (outdoor). Please ensure they have full PE kit.

Playground Equipment

Please can you help us to keep the children safe before and after school.

Unfortunately the playground equipment is to be only used during the school day and not to be used before or after school when it is not supervised. A child had a serious break of their arm last year and we would not like any child to hurt themselves.

Coming to school by scooter or bike is an excellent way to travel. Despite the playground being a great place to ride and scoot around this can cause a hazard for other children particularly younger siblings. Please can you remind your children not to ride their bikes and scooters on the playground before and after school.

Nuts:- We have several children in school who have *severe* allergic reactions to nuts. Please can I remind you that we **do not allow nuts of any sort in packed lunches** including peanut butter spread. With your support we will keep all of our children safe.

Medicines

We cannot administer any medication in school. If your child has been prescribed medication which needs to be taken at intervals during the day then please talk to your doctor about ensuring that these fit around the school day. If this is not possible then you will need to arrange for someone to come into school to administer the medication.

If your child has a long term medical condition that requires medication then please contact the school office to discuss this.

All medications need to be handed in at the school office and a medical form completed.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Morrisons Lets Grow Vouchers

If you or anyone in your family shop at Morrisons please accept the Let's Grow Vouchers that they are offering shoppers. Please hand any vouchers that you are given to the school office. We are going to use these vouchers to get some gardening equipment.

Charity Fund Raising

Khadija Hussain in 2TS is donating her hair for cancer patients. This is something that Khadija has decided to do herself. We are very proud of the sacrifice she is making and have agreed to share the Just Giving website details so that you can support Khadija if you wish. You can help me raise money for this great cause by donating directly to my fundraising page - <http://www.justgiving.com/muniba-khadija>.

Just Giving sends your donation straight to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity (GOSHCC) and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!

Muniba (Mum)

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 1YN with 100% attendance and in KS2 5DP with 98.8%... WELL DONE 1YN and 5DP.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	100
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	99.6
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	98
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	96.7
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	96.6
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	94

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	98.8
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	98
Year 4 - June Boothe/Lougene Lillywhite	100	97.7
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	97.4
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	96.1
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	94.8
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	94.5
5JS - Joe Suckling	100	92.7

School Meal Charges for the Autumn Term

The meal charges for the Autumn Term are:

Cost per day for Nursery Children	£2.05
Costing for Junior Children	
Cost per day	£2.15
Per Week	£10.75
First Half of the Autumn Term (39 days)	£83.85
Second Half of the Autumn Term (35 days)	£75.25
Whole of the Summer Term (74 days)	£159.10
Fun-day Friday for the Whole Term	£32.25

Please use your wisePAY account to pay for dinner money. If you have lost your user name and password please speak to the school office. Thank you.

Wisepay Accounts

Just to remind you that all payments to school can be made using your child's Wisepay account. If you have misplaced your user name/password please speak to the school office.

Vacancies

MSA (5hrs/wk)

Due to the government's universal free school meal initiative we need to recruit additional lunchtime staff. The role entails supporting children in the dining room and also outside with their play.

If you can spare an hour at lunchtime please come and speak to the office.

Term Dates for the Children September 2014 to July 2015

AUTUMN TERM 2014

Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 19th December
Half-Term Week – Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

SPRING TERM 2015

Tuesday 6th January to Thursday 2nd April
Half-Term Week – Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

SUMMER TERM 2015

Tuesday 21st April to Friday 17th July
Half-Term Week – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Autumn Term Dates

15 th September	Nursery Children Start
15 th September	Handwriting Week
15 th September	Clubs Start
22 nd September	Meet the Teacher week
25 th September	Governors Meeting
29 th September to 3 rd October	Residential School Journey
30 th September	Governors Training
8 th October	No Pens Day
8 th October	Governors Meeting
13 th October	Writing Assessment
14 th October	School Photographer in
22 nd October	Parent Consultations
23 rd October	Parent Consultations
27 th -31 st October	Half Term
6 th November	School Disco
10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
17 th November	Assessment Week
24 th November	Governor Visit Day
26 th November	Year 2 Great Fire of London
26 th November	Governors Meeting
28 th November	Year 6 visit to the London Transport Museum
5 th December	Christmas Fair
15 th December	Christmas Production Week
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
19 th December	School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 2pm