



Headteacher Miss Hilary Cave BA Hons QTS

Friday 15 September

Dear Parents,

School Council Update

During last week Years 1-6 nominated their School Council representatives. I am really looking forward to working closely with them all this academic year.

Congratulations to: Sienna G, Dougie H, Zoe F, Natty T, Sophie S, Angus F, Lola W, Freddie S, Kian S, Penny Y, Daisy G and Liam T.



House Point Captain Update

Our Year 6 children have also chosen the 'House Point' Captains for the year. The Captains are chosen for being excellent role models and children that our younger ones can look for to help and care for them outside in the playground, along with our School Councillors and Year 2 and Year 6 buddies.

Congratulations to: Prada B-C, Oliver T-S, Erin M, Fin F, Charlie B, Anna M, Amelie B and Robbie M.



For
Mallard



For
Gressingham



For
Eider



For
Muscovy

Meet the Teacher Evening

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school yesterday evening to meet your child's new class teacher. During the information evening we gave our new Maths calculation policy (a colour version can be found on our website) and the teachers discussed the revised approach we are taking as a school to marking and feedback in Maths.

Mrs Whittingham has included some information here for those of you who were unable to attend last night.

After reviewing our Maths marking policy in the summer term we have made some changes to the way we mark Maths. The changes have been made so that children receive their feedback during the lesson so that it is verbal and instant. Research shows that this is the most effective way to give feedback.

This means that work will be marked during the lesson alongside an adult whilst feedback and support is given. You will see two different coloured pens in the books, green for the teacher and blue for the teaching assistant.

During a Maths lesson children might work with the teacher, teaching assistant or independently. This means that there will be less written feedback in books as this will have been given verbally to individuals or groups of children. In line with our growth mind-set policy we will continue to write comments linked to effort.

As always, this new way of marking is constantly under review with staff and children. We would also value your views and at the parents evening in November we will ask for feedback.

If you however do have any questions then please feel free to speak to class teachers or myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs Whittingham
Assistant Head*

Cloakroom Doors KS2

In order to ease congestion in the morning Years 4/6 will enter and leave at the far door (nearest to the bandstand) and 3/5 by the middle door. This will start from Monday.

Library out of use

Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain and storms, the library roof has been damaged and we are awaiting repairs. This means that the room will be out of use until it can be fixed. We are working with the contractors on site to ensure that this is done as quickly as possible.

New Classroom

Despite an initial flood and set back on the first morning of this academic year, the new classroom is well under way and we will hopefully be able to move in on Tuesday 26 September. Fingers crossed!

Celebrations Assembly

Overall Attendance w/e 8 September 2017: 97.4 % - our target is 98%.

Clean Classroom: w/e 15 September: Year 3 and Reception

These are the children who have reached gold in their classroom w/e 15 September: Lucas N, Lucas W, Angus F, Isabelle W, Frankie C, Sam D, Rupert S, Ben W, Lauren G, Martha, Zoe F and Jack D

Star Pupils w/e 15 September are:

Year 1 : Lenny H and Sienna G

Year 2 : Ronnie E-B and Lauren G

Year 3 : Lucas W and Belle M

Year 4 : Rupert S and Harvey L

Year 5 : Kate D and Annie T

Year 6 : Charlie W and Muireann C

Winning Houses w/e 15 September are:

Key Stage 1: Gressingham

Lower Key Stage 2: Mallard/Muscovy

Upper Key Stage 2: Muscovy

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Hilary Cave
Headteacher