

Newsletter No 1: Term 1
September 2018

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year to you all! I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and that your children are excited to be back at school with their new teachers. It has been a brilliant start to the term with all the children looking smart in their school uniform and settling in well to life in school.

Parent information Meetings

There will be a short information briefing for parents next week in The Small Hall (*as previously advertised in the last newsletter of last year*).

Y1/2 children 3.30pm Monday,

Y3/4 children 3.30pm Tuesday

Y5/6 children 3.30pm Wednesday.

The teachers will outline the learning of the term, times when PE takes place, how you can help your child at home etc. If you cannot make it, please don't worry as the information will also be available on the school's website under 'parent' tab and 'letters'.

Works completed over the summer

Over the summer holidays lots of improvement work has been happening. The Reception and KS1 children's toilets have had new flooring put down and the tiling has been re grouted to give it all a bit of a spruce up. There has been some new additions to the playground markings and an enormous stop watch so that the children can time how fast they can run. The D bars have also been infilled as a safeguarding precaution to stop children sitting on them and potentially falling and having accidents. Lastly, The EYFS outdoor learning space now has a big sandpit – Year 1 have been making good use of it this week!



Church of England Academy

Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds



Value of the term: Respect

As you know, we place our values at the core of our Academy. We focus on a different question each week in our collective worship sessions.

4/9/18: What can you do in school to respect for others?

10/9/18: We are all different but special. How can we look after each other in our classes?

17/9/18: What can you do to care for the school environment?

24/9/18: What can we do to make sure that everybody in the world is treated fairly?

1/10/18: Special places- How do you make sure that special places are respected?



New improved Cloakrooms for Y3,5,6!

I must say a massive thank you to The Friends of Fishponds Academy for raising the money to pay for new lockers to improve our cloakroom areas. The school funded the removal of the existing cloakroom furniture and pipe work. The children have loved having them and they have really brightened up the place. More importantly it has opened up the space and now we have space for groups of children and support staff or volunteers to work outside of their classrooms. We hope that in the future we may be able to do the same for the Year 4 Cloakroom area.



With best wishes, Debbie Coker, Principal

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 3 rd September	INSET training for staff (closed to children)
Tuesday 4 th September	First day of term 1 -Please be in school by 8.45am to start learning.
Monday 10 th September	3.30pm Year 1 and 2 parent meeting in Small Hall. (approx. 30 mins)
Tuesday 11 th September	3.30pm Year 3 and 4 parent meeting in Small Hall. (approx. 30 mins)
Wednesday 12 th September	3.30pm Year 5 and 6 parent meeting in Small Hall. (approx. 30 mins)
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st Sept	Year 6 Residential Trip
Friday 28 th September	INSET day (school closed to children)
Monday 8 th October	Phonics meeting for Reception parents @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 10 th October	School Photographs
Thursday 25 th October	Year 2 Harvest Service. 10am All Saints Church (parents of Y2 welcome)
Friday 26 th October	Last day of term 1 (Non- uniform)
Monday 29 th Oct – Friday 2 nd November	Half term holiday (schools closed)
Monday 5 th November	INSET day (school closed to children)
Tuesday 6 th November	Term 2 starts @ 8.45am

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Please let the office know if you or anyone in your house has changed their mobile number.

It is important that our records are kept up-to-date in case your child is sick or we need to contact you.

Don't forget, school begins at 8.45am!

Did you know you can text us as well as ring us about your child's absence before 9.30am? Please state the full name of your child, their class name or teacher and reason for absence in your text.

Our text number is 07786 208896