



Autumn 2 Newsletter September 2018

Key Information for the Term

We thought we would send an additional newsletter this week to give some key information about events through the term and changes to how we will communicate these to parents.

Meet the Teacher

We hope you enjoyed the Meet the Teacher Drop-In yesterday afternoon. It was great to see so many happy children showing their grown-ups their new classrooms. Thank you for your patience with the changes to the collection and drop-off routine due to limited access to the playground caused by the fire.

Bits and Bobs

We will not be sending out a weekly Bits & Bobs sheet this term as Year Groups and the Office Staff will be sending out information and reminders using the website and the app. This way you will get individual notifications throughout the week rather than everything in one go and can make note of what is important to you and your children. The APP is amazing at keeping parents and staff up to date so please download this if you haven't already done so. Details of how to do this are on the website under the parent tab.

Parent Helper Meeting

If you would like to volunteer to come in and help in school either in the class with children or doing admin tasks for teachers, please come along to a meeting with Mrs Sim on Monday 24th September at 9.15am. It is important that you attend this meeting if you would like to come into school to volunteer so we can share safeguarding and procedural information with you. Please email the office, or let Mrs Sim or myself know on the gate, if you would like to come along.

New Foundation 2 Class Photos

The children in F2 had their class photos taken this week for the Bucks Herald 'First Class' supplement. Copies of these will be made available to parents to purchase via the photographer's website:

<http://clientarea.derekpellingphotography.co.uk/?Action=FL&id=302656404&from=42950002>

We will email the F2 parents with this link and the password you will need to access the photos.

Birthday Treats

In the interest of our children's safety, with food allergies and dietary beliefs, we kindly ask that, if you would like to give sweets to the other children on your child's birthday, these are handed out to each child as they are dismissed from the line so their parents can decide if they are able to have them or not. Thank you.

Please try to put names and classes on invitations as we have several children with the same name in the Year Group! Thank you



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18th September

PTA AGM 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th September

School Photographer

All children will have individual and sibling photos taken in school.

Friday 21st September

PTA Family Fest 5.00 -9.00pm

Wednesday 3rd October

*Curriculum Objective Events for all
Year Groups*

New to F1 parents- 6.30 – 7.00pm in the
DINING ROOM

New to F2 parents- 6.30 – 7.00pm in the
HALL

New to Year 1 parents- 7.15 – 7.45pm in the
DINING ROOM

New to Year 2 parents- 7.15-7.45pm in the
HALL

Friday 5th October

*Open Afternoon for Parents
1.45-3.00 pm*

Fire Update

The Police have arrested a suspect in relation to the investigation into our fire last week. Local Officers will be present at the Family Fest and any other school events to support the community during these gatherings.

Donations

Following the fire and loss of toys and equipment for the Year 2 children, we have been touched by the generosity and kindness of children, parents and community with understanding words of support, offers of help and donations of resources.

Liliana in Elephant Class, and her sister Annabelle, in Woodlands Class, have kindly given the Year 2 children some 'Captain America' dressing up costumes to replace outfits lost in the fire.

Isabelle and Grace in Jaguar Class, independently wrote to Tesco to ask if they can set up one of their token boxes for customers to use to donate money towards replacement toys.

Elsie in Giraffe Class gave the staff a box of chocolates to help them feel better after the first full week of school following the disrupted start.

All of these lovely gestures have been very much appreciated and we thank you all for your support.

Parking Issues

It is very disappointing to start the new school year with several complaints from local residents about the inconsiderate and unsafe parking of parents coming to our school to drop off and collect children.

Please park safely and legally around school or, even more helpfully, park further away and walk in.

Due to the recent fire incident, the police are doing regular patrols around the area and we have asked them to monitor parking as well to help resolve this issue. Please think of others when parking around school. It is so dangerous how some parents are parking- please think about how you would feel if a child had an accident due to how you parked.

Curriculum Objective Events

We are now holding all of these meetings on Wednesday 3rd October. We looked at our families with siblings in school and found that we had a lot of overlap in some Year Groups meaning parents would be attending two evenings in a row to come to both events for their children. We will start each meeting promptly to ensure we can complete within the time slots to allow parents time to move between sessions if needed. Timings are:

New to F1 parents- 6.30 – 7.00pm in the DINING ROOM

New to F2 parents- 6.30 – 7.00pm in the HALL

New to Year 1 parents- 7.15 – 7.45pm in the DINING ROOM

New to Year 2 parents- 7.15-7.45pm in the HALL

Free Snacks!

We have kindly been offered a stock of 'Odd Pops'; low in saturated fats, popped - not fried - crisp type snacks from the makers of Ella's Kitchen, to give to the children.

Due to allergies and dietary restrictions, we are unable to give these to all children ourselves, so we will place boxes of them on the playground at the end of the day on TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER for parents to select a pack for their child if they would like them to have one.

Thank you to Mrs Ryan, a parent who thought of us when the stock was going spare! I am sure our children will enjoy this treat.

MDSA Roles

We will be shortlisting for the MDSA role vacancies on *Thursday 20th September*. Please return your applications forms by 12 noon that day to be considered for interview.