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Dear Parents

Welcome!

I trust you have all had a good summer despite the weather! Welcome back everyone and a special welcome for all new arrivals this term. I am sure you will settle in well.

If you would like to receive an email copy of this newsletter as well as the paper one, please let me have the address to which you would like it sent. Newsletters are always available on the website for you to look back at.

We also use a text messaging service for occasional events such as emergency school closure or late arrivals of class trips etc. Unless you inform the office otherwise we will assume that you are happy to receive these messages to the phone details we have on record.

Teachers are happy to talk with you informally, but please note that first thing in the morning can be a very busy time for teachers as they set up their classes for the day's activities. I am also always happy to meet with parents or talk to you by phone.

I will send out a list of dates for your diary in the next newsletter.



Advance Warning – dressing up day, Friday 30th September in conjunction with a book event.

We will be holding a book event from 27th – 30th September. There will be a book fair during the week, and we have also decided to have a special focus during the week on nursery rhymes with a chance to see what the children have been up to during the Friday assembly on Friday 30th September. On that Friday we will be asking all the children to come to school dressed as a favourite character from a nursery rhyme. So thinking caps on, and if any parents wish to dress up too, you are more than welcome to join the fun!

Request for Robins class from Mrs Lewis

I would be grateful if you have any spare clothes that Robins might use: boys' pants, shirts, trousers, boys'/girls' PE kit, all age 5-6 and socks. Also plimsolls sizes 8-12.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A Parent Governor election will be held this term; please would anyone interested in putting themselves forward for this role complete a nomination form (available from the school office) and return it to the school by 21st September. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor but feel a little daunted by the responsibility you may be taking on, remember that full training will be available, and you will always act as part of a team. No particular experience or qualifications are required just enthusiasm and a commitment to the school. If you would like to know more about the role of Parent Governor or the appointment process you are welcome to contact the Headteacher, Chair of Governors, Clerk to Governors or a serving Governor at school.



Clubs

This year we are able to offer more clubs than ever, both after school and at lunchtimes. After school clubs will need an expression of interest/permission form to be signed (see below):-

Lunchtime Clubs

- Monday or Tuesday - School Council (Mr Kraye)
- Wednesday – Beginners' Recorders for Years 1 and 2 (if interested, see Mrs Lewis for an information letter)
- Wednesday – Junior Hi 5s (Mrs Andrews)
- Thursday - Board Games for Juniors (Mrs Andrews)
- Thursday – Art, initially with Years 1 and 2 (Miss Hill)
- Friday - Choir (Mrs White)

After School Clubs

- **Friends and Heroes - Mondays from 12th September, Years 2-6** This club is run by The Bridge at no cost. We have done a lot of work with the Bridge and they regularly support RE, Personal and Social education and deliver assemblies.

Friends and Heroes is based around an animated adventure series for children featuring amazing 3D Bible Stories. It centres on the tale of two young people - Macky and Portia - whose friendship leads them across the ancient world, from the fabled Egyptian port of Alexandria, to the besieged city of Jerusalem and finally, to the very heart of the Empire: Rome. As they fight for justice and even survival against the might of the Roman Empire, they become friends and then, in turn, heroes!

- **Martial Arts – Mondays from 21st September, Years 1 - 6**
After a very successful first year, this year we are able to extend the age range for this club to Years 1-6. The cost will depend on numbers of children but is likely to be around £2.50 a session with a minimum of 8 children to make it viable.
- **Cookery Club – Tuesdays from 13th September, rotation through school Years 1 -6, starting with Year 1**
We would like to run this club once more with Mrs Biddle. The Healthy Schools Plus funding has now been used so there will now be a cost attached of £12.50 for the whole course. Each year group will have 5 sessions, but there will only be places for 6-8 children, so it is quite likely that a draw will have to be made for those places. We will be starting with Year 1 who will receive an information letter today.
- **Juniors' Football Club – Wednesdays from 23rd September, Years 3-6**
Darren Crooke will be running sessions for Years 3-6 on Wednesdays at a cost of £2.50 per child, but there will need to be at least 10 children a week to make this viable.

Drama Club – Thursdays from 15th September, Years 3-6

This very popular club continues this year with Mrs Harvey and Mrs White.

Club reply slip

Please fill in the reply slip and return to school as soon as possible, by Monday at the latest. If any club is over-subscribed places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Yours sincerely

Peter Kraye (Headteacher)



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (places allocated on first come, first served basis)

I would like my child _____ to attend the following club(s):

MON - Friends and Heroes ☐

TUES – Cookery Year 1s ☐

WEDS – Martial Arts ☐

WEDS - Football ☐

THUR - Drama Club ☐

My child will normally be collected by _____

Should there be a change of collector at any time, you must let school know.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

