



Joint KS1 and KS2 Newsletter – September 2016

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are all feeling rested and relaxed. Below you will find some key information for this year.

Welcome Time:

On **Wednesday 14th September** we will be having Welcome time from 3.15-3.40pm. Welcome time gives an opportunity for you to come into the classrooms and meet the team. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the 14th!

Learning Themes & Shared Learning

The learning themes for this half term are;

Year Group		Theme name	Skills main focus	Skills additional focus
Autumn	Year 3/4	Point of View	Art	N/a
1 st Half	Year 5/6	Earth & Space	Science	Music

Year 1 and Year 2

'New Beginnings'

Over the next couple of weeks Year 1 and 2 will be learning about themselves and the world around them. This theme will focus mainly on Geography and PSHE but will make lots of links with other areas of the curriculum.

'Animal Magic'

Our second topic this term is about animals (including humans) and will focus on Science objectives. Our key text for this topic is 'Rumble in the Jungle' and the children will be learning about what animals need to be healthy. **Children will also have a shared learning task to complete that links with our topic.**

Shared Learning consists of a range of learning tasks relating to the curriculum areas and the children will have the opportunity to choose which learning tasks they complete, against a specific criteria.

The learning tasks will generally be an opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge gained during class. If shared learning is not completed on time your child will be asked to complete it during their lunchtime (Years 3-6 only). The shared learning overviews will be sent out shortly.

Reading:

All children benefit from regular reading practice and sharing books with others. Please support your child's development by ensuring that your child is reading at home daily (minimum of 10 minutes) and completing their reading record.

Reading Books will be changed regularly (twice a week in Year 1 and Year 2) so please make sure your child has their book in school **every day**. Reading records will be checked regularly so please ensure that they have been signed within the comment section of the reading record box. You will notice that the reading records for this year have been updated and now include additional information, such as vision, golden rules, term dates, home school agreement, etc. so please do take a look at the information within it!

Good to be Green:



Our Golden Rules - Please help your child to keep the Golden Rules by using them at home.

We are gentle – *We don't hurt others*

We listen – *We don't interrupt*

We are kind, helpful and polite – *We don't hurt anybody's feelings*

We follow instructions - *We can learn new things and stay safe*

We move sensibly about the school - *So we stay safe*

We are honest – *We always tell the truth*

We look after our property and other people's property - *We don't damage things*

Children are rewarded through:

- House points including earning a house point each day that they are green.
- Earning minutes towards golden time for following our Golden Rules.
- Chance to earn a privilege if "green" all week (10 children per class each week are awarded a privilege)
- Achievement assembly on Friday.
- Certificate from Mr. Thorne at the end of each term if your child has been "green" all term.

Equipment Needed (Years 3 -6 only):

Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment as this makes a huge difference to the start of the day and the beginning of lessons, avoiding loss of learning for all children.

- Pencils
- Contained pencil sharpener
- Handwriting pen – usually the older children and for those who have reached the required standard (No biros allowed)
- Coloured pencils, felt tip pens and a highlighter pen
- Eraser and glue
- Art shirt

Ways to help at home:

- Supporting your child to complete the shared learning task.
- Ensuring your child reads daily at home for a minimum of 10 minutes. (It does not have to be them reading aloud to you. Getting them to retell the story, discuss the characters, predict what will happen next, choose their favourite passage etc. are all valuable ways of sharing the reading experience.
- Encouraging your child to learn their number facts, times tables and related division facts.

Useful websites:

www.mathletics.co.uk

www.readingeggs.co.uk

Your child will need their log in details to access these websites, so if they can't remember it, then please let us know! All log-in details can be found at the back of your child's reading record.

Clothing

We are a 'uniform school' and believe that a co-ordinated style as set out below makes for a smart business like appearance and encourages the children to take pride in their school. Our school colours are Royal Blue, Grey and White and the uniform is as follows:

Girls

- Royal Blue Sweatshirt or cardigan
- White shirt or polo shirt or blouse
- Grey knee length skirt or culottes or pinafore or tailored grey trousers with grey socks or grey tights
- Blue/white checked dress (gingham style) with white socks
- Grey tailored knee length shorts with grey socks

Boys

- Royal Blue Sweatshirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey trousers with grey socks
- Grey shorts with grey socks

Shoes

All children should wear sensible black shoes with flat heels; trainers are not considered suitable footwear with school uniform. 'Canvas' type shoes, open toed sandals and boots are not appropriate. If it is a wet or cold day and your child needs to wear wellies or warm boots to travel to school, please make sure they have normal school shoes to change into.

PE:

Children will have two **PE** sessions per week. One outdoor session on either the playground or the playing field and one indoor session in our school hall.

- Year 1 and 2 will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- PE kits need to be in school **every day**.
- Please make sure their **P.E. kit and bag is named**.

Children will need suitable footwear and a change of clothing for P.E. activities. They should wear

- House coloured polo or T-shirt (Red, Blue, Green, Yellow)
- White polo or T-shirt
- Royal Blue shorts
- Dark blue track-suits are acceptable when the weather is cold
- Trainers will be needed for outdoor PE work
- Football/rugby boots may be worn for matches and practices

Children are not allowed to wear their school uniform for PE and this includes their school jumper or cardigan.

Appearance

- Make-up, including nail varnish, is not acceptable
- Children are permitted to wear ear studs and watches but the school can take no responsibility for these. These need to be removed before P.E. activities or taped using surgical tape which each child should supply.
- Extremes of hair fashions are not appropriate.
 - In particular, words or symbols cut into hair and Mohicans will not be acceptable within the school.
 - Long hair should be tied back at all times.

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name. Clothes and footwear for PE should be stored in a personal bag which can be brought into school on Mondays, hung on your child's peg and returned home on Friday. The bag should be reasonably compact so that it does not cause a hazard to others.

We cannot take responsibility for personal belongings although we will do our best to ensure lost items are returned to their owners. Un-named items are placed in the Lost Property Box for the remainder of the term and after this time they will be disposed of.

All electronic devices, including mobile phones and iPods must be handed into the school office at the start of the school day and a permission form must be completed by the parents.

Holidays:

It is very important that children do not have holidays during term times as it can result in them missing out on vital aspects of their learning. If an urgent holiday is required, then you must contact the school office for a holiday request form.

Parent helpers:

It is always great to have an extra pair of hands in the classroom, especially to listen to children read. If you are able to spare any time please could you let us know.

Start of the School Day:

We aim to open the doors at 8.45am each school day morning. However, there may be a few minutes either way as we get the classrooms and day's work ready for the children. We ask for your understanding in this matter. The official school day starts at 8.55am with registration. Opening the doors earlier enables children to settle in the classrooms ready for this time.

Breakfast Club:

Our Breakfast Club at Long Lane is for children aged 5 upwards. We are open every weekday during term time, excluding INSET days, from 8am - 8.45am. Your child(ren) can be dropped off at any time between these times, but breakfast is served from 8am – 8.30am. Breakfast Club has a fixed cost of £3.50 which includes cereal, toast or bagel or crumpet with various spreads and drinks, plus activities. The cost is fixed and DOES NOT change depending on the time you arrive. You may pay half termly, monthly, or weekly in advance. We still have some places available so if you would like your child to be considered for a place, please complete the booking form as soon as possible. Spaces are allocated on a “first come, first served”. Pupils who are in receipt of Pupil Premium can access Breakfast club free of charge, however a completed booking form is still required.

School Dinners (Year 3-6):

Please note that the cost for school dinners from September 2016 is £2.25 per day.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to working with you this term and should you have any questions or queries then please let one of us know.

KS2 Team – September 2016			
YEAR GROUP	CLASS NAME	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
1	Disco	Miss Penn	Mrs Straker Mrs Burnett Miss Batchelor Mrs Winn
2	Dance	Miss Aspindale	Mrs Marshall Mrs Jordan Mrs Burnett
3	Bhangra	Mrs Handley & Mrs Hazell	Mrs Nunan & Mrs Wake
4	Rock & Roll	Mrs Rushent	Mrs Syrad (ELSA) & Miss Kittredge
5	Hip Hop	Mr Hunt	Mrs Glossop, Mrs Maggs & Miss Kittredge
6	Techno	Miss Gardiner & Mrs Smyth	Mrs Mileham
Mrs Archer – ICT Technician & Assessment Assistant			
Mrs Organ – SEN Assistant/ELSA			
Mrs Ayres – KS2 Team Leader and Deputy Headteacher			
Mr Thorne – KS1 Team Leader and Headteacher			

Yours sincerely,

KS1 and KS2 Team



IMPORTANT DATES 2016/17

<u>Term dates</u>	
Term 1	Monday 5th September 2016 – Friday 21st October 2016 (3.15pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>24/10/16 – 31/10/16</i>
Term 2	Tuesday 1st November 2016 – Friday 16th December 2016 (1.30pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>19/12/16 – 03/01/17</i>
Term 3	Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Friday 10th February 2017 (3.15 finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>13/02/17 – 17/02/17</i>
Term 4	Monday 20th February 2017 – Friday 7th April 2017 (1.30pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>10/04/17 – 24/04/17</i>
Term 5	Tuesday 25th April 2017 – Friday 26th May 2017 (3.15pm finish)
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>29/05/17 – 02/06/17</i> <i>*plus Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017</i>
Term 6	Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017 (1.30pm finish)

Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Autumn Term – Wednesday 14th September 2016
- Spring Term – Tuesday 10th January 2017
- Summer Term – Thursday 8th June 2017

Parents' Meetings

- Autumn Term – Tuesday 29th (5-7pm), Wednesday 30th November (3.30-5.30pm) & Thursday 1st December 2016 (5-7pm)
- Spring Term – Monday 24th April 2017 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

Learning Showcase to Parents (including refreshments)

- Foundation Stage - Tuesday 13th December 2016 9.30 am
- Year 1 and 2 - Monday 12th December 2016 2.00 pm and 6.00pm
- Year 3 and 4 - w/b 20th March 2017
- Year 6 - w/b 22nd May 2017
- Year 5 - w/b 10th July 2017

Other events (Autumn Term)

- Roald Dahl Character Dress-up day - Friday 16th September 2016 (Optional)
- Y3 and Y4 to National Gallery- Tuesday 27th September
- Year 5 and 6 to Adventure Dolphin - Thursday 29th/Friday 30th September
- Year 5 Bikeability (3 groups ; 2 days each) -Wednesday 5th /Thursday 6th /Friday 7th October and Wednesday 12th /Thursday 13th /Friday 14th October –
- Phonics and Spelling workshop for parents – Wednesday 19th October 2016 – 9.00am
- Individual photos – Thursday 3rd November 2016
- Science week – Monday 7th November – Friday 11th November 2016
- Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Y1, Y2, Y3 Friday 2nd December
- Church Carol Service – Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7:00pm
- KS2 Church Service – Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 9.45am
- School Christmas dinner - Wednesday 14th December 2016

PTA events (more to follow)

- PTA Quiz and AGM – Friday 23rd September 2016 at 7.00pm

Open days for Prospective Parents

- Weeks beginning 7th November, 14th November, 21st November 2016 and 9th January 2017

Scout, walk or ride weeks –26th September 2016, 6th March 2017, 6th June 2017

Sports Day -Wednesday 21th June 2017, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Thursday 22nd)

Curriculum evening - Thursday 22nd June 2017

Transition week/Class swap - week beginning 26th June 2017 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school)

Leavers' Assembly and BBQ- Thursday 20th July 2017 6.30pm