



Headteacher's Newsletter

September 2017 ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope everyone is settling back in to school well and enjoying the Autumn term so far.

I would like to say a special thank you all of those parents who have made a considerable effort to make sure their children arrive at school on time and ready for learning!



Mrs M. Bringan (Head Teacher)

Please remember that all **Reception** children will be at school **full time** this week.

Important Dates

27/09/17 Harvest Assembly Y1
28/09/17 Harvest Assembly Y2
From 09/10/17 Y2 Parent consultations
From 16/10/17 Y1 Parent consultations
19/10/17 Diwali dress up day
23/10/17–27/10/17 HALF TERM

News items that require action from you

- Data Collection Sheets
- Pupil Premium Form
- Health and Safety
- Harvest Festival Donation

Celebrating Reading

Well done to our super readers who took part in the library's Big Summer Reading

Challenge over the summer holidays. The following children all bought in their certificates :

Tia D, Michael R, Amelia P, Annika L-Z Muhammad D, Ritvik S, Leonardo M, Diya T, Hiba D, Nour D, Anna P, Joman A, Estera P, Samanyu G, Eleanor P, Julie H, Neal P, Aliza H.

As a well done I will be giving each of these children a £5 book token to further encourage their reading. Reading is the key to language, communication, comprehension, expression, and, of course learning.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

animal-agents.org.uk



We are collecting non perishable food items for the local food bank and would appreciate any contributions that you are able to make. Please hand donations in to your class teacher by **Wednesday 27th September**.

You are welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival assemblies if your child is taking part in the assembly.

Wednesday 27th September 2:45pm Year 1

Thursday 28th September 2:45pm Year 2



Diwali—19/10/17

Diwali is the Hindu and Sikh festival of light and celebrates the victory of good over evil. We will be learning about Diwali in school and children can come in dressed in traditional or party clothes on **Thursday 19th October**. Please ensure that the children are dressed in appropriate footwear.

Data Collection Sheets

Please ensure that you complete these sheets and return them to us by **Friday 29th September**. It is very important that the information that we hold for your child is correct. Please also provide us with email addresses for any parents/carers that would like to receive information from us.

Health and Safety issues

I am sure you appreciate that the health and safety of the children is of paramount importance to all of us. With this in mind can we just remind you of the following:

- Please let us know if your child is being collected by someone else.
- Please do not leave your children unsupervised in the school playground or field.
- Please make sure that your children (those who attend our school and their siblings) do not use the equipment in the playground at the end of the day or ride bikes or scooters within the school premises.
- Please remember that under 16's cannot collect their siblings from school unless it has been agreed with the head teacher,
- Please do not let your children go near or climb on the new barrier at the front entrance.



Leading Parent Partnership Award Meeting

We will shortly be sending out a letter regarding a meeting that we will be having with parents to get your input on school life, policies and community links — it would be lovely if we were able to have representatives from all year groups and communities. Details of the meeting will be in the letter, please read it and return the slip asap.

Pupil Premium

Although all Infant children are entitled to a free school meal, it is important that you **continue to register for 'Free School Meals'** if your family receives any sort of income support. This is so the school may access additional funding under the 'Pupil Premium' specifically aimed to benefit those children from lower income households. We are asking all families to complete the **Free School Meals & Pupil Premium form** which has been sent out with the 'data collection' sheets. Please do complete and return the form by **Friday 29th September.**

Parking

Please remember that **Cotswold Close is a private road and parking is not permitted** anywhere in the close.



Please also have consideration for all of our neighbours when parking your car to take your children to school or pick them up.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Where possible, appointments should be arranged outside of school hours or during holidays and we will require proof of any appointments that occur during school hours. We are still early on in the term but we have already had a total of 12 late arrivals and 8 medical appointments taken during school hours.

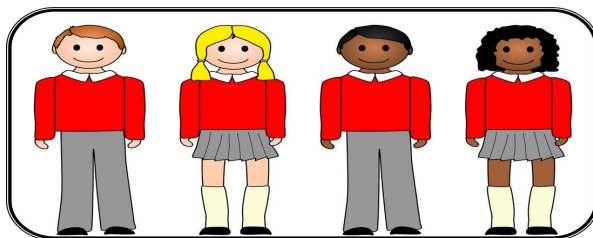
Mrs Chana, our attendance officer, regularly monitors everyone's attendance.



School Uniform

Thank you to all of our families for observing our uniform code. The children do look so smart. It is recommended that, whatever the weather, your child keeps a waterproof coat at school.

Please ensure that all uniform and coats etc are **labelled** with your child's name.



Communication

Communication is key to establishing a healthy partnership between families and school. We endeavour to keep you informed of all school events and the staff are available at the start and end of each day. Should you prefer to discuss privately or at length, you can make an appointment directly with the class teacher, or the year group leader.

Children's Learning

One of the key ways you can help your child's brain develop is by making sure they get enough sleep. It is vital that children have a good bedtime routine, with plenty of sleep.

The link below is a great guide on how much sleep a child should be getting:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childrenssleep/Pages/howmuchsleep.aspx>



The school's Governing Body is made up of the following:

Chair of Governors

Mr Peter James

Chair of Curriculum & Standards

Mr Jim McVeigh

Vice Chair

Mrs Man Tse

Chair of Resources

Mr Ken Phillips

Parent Governors

Mrs Man Tse

Mrs Sandra Lange

Mrs Mandeep Shokar

Clerk to Governors

Kate Boulter

Staff Governors

Mrs Manjit Bringan

Mrs Alpita Chavda

The Governors will be sending out their own newsletter each term to share their work with you.

Reception parent taster sessions

Thank you to all of our reception parents that were able to attend the lunch taster sessions, we hope you found them useful.



Parents' Association MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Parents' Association MacMillan Coffee morning was a great success and managed to raise **£215.25** for MacMillan Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who supported this.



News from Nursery

The Nursery is now open and gradually welcoming the new children who are settling in well.

News from Reception

The children have settled in really well into reception and are adapting to the new routines. All of the reception team are very proud of them.

Parent consultations have gone really well, thank you to everyone who attended. If you were not able to attend a consultation then please arrange an alternative time with the class teacher.

We are looking forward to having the children in full time this week!

News from Year One

Amazing Animals and Marvellous Me

Art - The children have traced around their faces using crayons and chalk and have made their own 3D sculptures. We can't wait for the children to take them home and share them with their families.

Literacy - The children have had lots of fun writing poems about animal and human movements.

Maths - They have been learning to read, write and order numbers to 20. Please continue to support this work at home.

PSHE - A new friend called Jigsaw Jack has been taking part in our lessons, Ask your child at home about him!

News from Year Two

The children have settled really well into Year 2 and have been working really hard.

Art - The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the artists Kadinsky and Mondrian and producing their own art work in the same style.

Literacy - The children have been learning about using commas in lists, writing character descriptions and writing their own stories and set of instructions.

Maths - The children have been consolidating their understanding of place value.