This Week's News 5th October 2023

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Head Teacher Update

Thank you to everyone if you were able to attend our Learning Evening this week. We hope that you found it useful and interesting learning about the work we are doing in school. We would like more parents to attend or access the information so we are looking at different ways of sharing information with you. I am always reflecting on communication and how effective it is without over communicating and bombarding you with messages.

I appreciate that in this digital age you have a lot of information from various sources on a daily basis whether it be school, work, and personal communications. We use a variety of methods to communicate key information to you as parents. We try to avoid any paper hardcopies mainly due to the cost and environmental impact. I appreciate that there have been some issues with Google Classroom, but we would like you to sign up to this as it is a platform that teachers use to give specific information about classes and year groups rather than the whole school.

We also use MarvelousMe as our tool to share learning and also messages about what is going on as well as ParentMail for whole school processes. I also write this newsletter on a weekly basis to share information with you, but if you feel that there are better ways of communicating, I am open to any ideas. We have tried to get a balance to ensure as many of you as possible can attend the Parent Consultations and are therefore offering a mix of face to face and online meetings that work for you, and also for the teachers to manage effectively. This is a chance to speak to your child's class teacher on a one to one basis about the progress they have made and ask any questions you may have. I hope that you find them informative and helpful. Please refer to the information on page 2 for further booking information.

Just a guick Health and Safety reminder:

Please can you ensure that children are not riding bikes and scooters on the playground at the end of the day when children are being collected. It is a very busy time and can be dangerous if children (including pre-school children) are riding around. We just want to ensure that everyone leaves the site safely. Please continue to use the one way system to ensure that there is a smooth flow in the morning and the afternoon.

We obviously have a training day (INSET) on Friday which is focused on Phonics teaching to improve our skills further and to ensure that we are up to date with out knowledge.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

John Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Link to Key Dates

Fri 6th Oct INSET Day

Thurs 12th Oct Reception Learning

Evening 7pm

Mon 16th Oct Parent

Consultations

4 - 7pm

Tues 17th Oct Parent

Consultations

4 - 7pm

Fri 8th Nov Flu Vaccinations

Deadlines

Mon 15th Jan Applications for

Middle School / Starting School September 2024

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail <u>7 days before the</u> date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.9%

YR - 94.3%

Y1 - 95.2%

Y2 - 96.1%

Y3 - 96.0%

Y4 - 97.1%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Parent Consultations - PLEASE READ

Parent Consultations will take place on **Monday 16th** and **Tuesday 17th October**. The booking window to make your appointment will open on ParentMail at 3.00pm on Friday. This term we are holding face to face appointments in school, in the children's classrooms so you can see your child's books and learning. These booking slots will run from 4.00 - 6.30pm on both dates. Alternatively, if you are unable to come into school or would prefer a Zoom meeting, these can be booked between 6.30 - 7.00pm on the same days. Please select the appropriate consultation session in the ParentMail app when making you booking. If you have any concerns, please contact the office.

Peardrops - Autumn 2

The Peardrops booking window for Autumn 2 will open on ParentMail at the end of next week. As always, bookings are on a first come, first served basis so please book early to ensure you can get the dates you require. If a date you required is greyed out on ParentMail this will be because it is fully booked. In this case, please contact the school office to be added to the waiting list. We will then contact you if/when a space becomes available. Thank you very much.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on **Friday 8th November**. Information on the immunisations and an online form were emailed home to parents and carers on Friday last week. Please read this information. Thank you very much.

Avon Tyrrell

We have received a number of questions from Year 4 parents regarding the Avon Tyrrell residential trip next year. There will be an online Avon Tyrrell Zoom meeting for Year 4 parents during Autumn Term 2. Details will be sent out in the next few weeks. There will also be a meeting in person nearer to the time of the trip to answer all queries.

Bikeability

We are very pleased to be able to offer to children in **Years 3 and 4** the chance of taking Level 1 Bikeability here at school. The course teaches the children how to control and master their bikes, and will take place on **Tuesday 10**th and **Wednesday 11**th **October 2023** after school, from 3.15 – 5.15pm. <u>Parents do not need to be present for this</u>. If your child would like to take part, please refer to the letter emailed home to all Key Stage 2 parents yesterday and return the reply slip as soon as possible. Thank you very much.



Community News

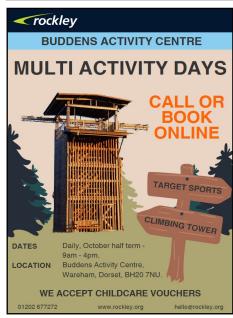


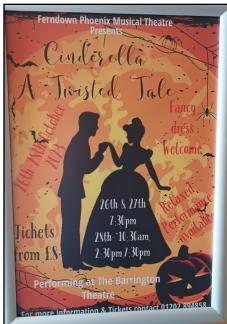
















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