



NEWSLETTER 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9 th September	2.15pm Y1 Curriculum Information for parents
Wednesday 10 th September	2.15pm Y2 Curriculum Information for parents
Friday 12 th September	French club starts
Monday 15 th September	Year 2 trip to Minstead
Monday 15 th September	Art Club starts (Y2)
Monday 15 th September	German Club starts
Wednesday 17 th September	Belinda's Street Dance starts
Thursday 18 th September	Sports Challenge - Years 1 & 2 starts
Friday 19 th September	French Club starts
Wednesday 1 st October	7.00 - 8.00pm Reading / Phonics evening
Thursday 2 nd October	1.45 - 2.45pm Reading / Phonics afternoon
Thursday 9 th October	9.00am Parent Forum
Tuesday 14 th October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 14 th October	3.15pm-4.30pm Photographs (Siblings/Juniors)
Monday 20 th October	8.45 - 9.15am Sharing time
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent's Evening 3.00 to 6.30pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Parent's Evening 3.00 to 5.30pm
Friday 24 th October	School finishes at 3.00pm for half term
Monday 3 rd November	School re-opens at 8.45am
Wednesday 5 th November	Maths open afternoon 2.00 - 3.00pm
Thursday 6 th November	School photographs
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need Day
Monday 17 th November	Inset Day
Thursday 20 th November	9.00am Parent Forum
Monday 8 th December	Last day for Art Club (Year 2 only)
Monday 8 th December	Last day for German club
Monday 8 th December	Xmas performance (dress rehearsal - grandparents and pre-school siblings invited)
Tuesday 9 th December	pm Xmas performance (parents invited)
Wednesday 10 th December	am Xmas performance (parents invited)
Wednesday 10 th December	Last day for Belinda's Street Dance
Thursday 11 th December	Evening Xmas performance
Thursday 11 th December	Last day for Sports Challenge - Years 1 & 2
Friday 12 th December	Last French club
Wednesday 17 th December	Xmas shopping day
Thursday 18 th December	Xmas lunch / Xmas party
Friday 19 th December	School finishes at 3.00pm for Christmas

I would just like to say a very warm welcome back to another school year - I do hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer and made the most of the good weather. I would like to welcome all of our new children and parents and also the new members of staff.

We are starting the year with some exciting news. Some of you may have noticed that Mrs Clifford has changed shape slightly over the summer! I can confirm that this is not down to too many ice creams over the holidays but is due to the fact that she is expecting a baby in January. We will be advertising for a teacher to cover maternity leave and will let you know as soon as we have appointed.

Over the Summer, we were lucky enough to have 20 volunteers come into school courtesy of HSBC. The volunteers cleaned out the pond and garden area as well as carrying out some work in the top playground, they have done a great job.

In order to make things slightly easier for working parents we have tried to plan in dates for the year. These have been checked with the Junior School to try to make sure that we don't clash over things. The dates that have been set have been included in this newsletter - we will send out more information about these events nearer the time.

In response to parent questionnaires we have put in more opportunities for parents to come into school to see how their children are learning and we will also be holding some information evenings / afternoons. The first of these is the reading / phonics information evening / afternoon at the beginning of October.

We are looking forward to a very exciting year building on the successes of last year - more details of these in next week's newsletter.

Curriculum Information for Parents of Children in Years 1 and 2

We will be holding curriculum meetings for parents of children in Year 1 on Tuesday 9th September and Year 2 on Wednesday 10th September at 2.15pm. This is an opportunity for parents to come and find out about learning and expectations in Years 1 and 2. It is also an opportunity for us to answer any queries that you may have. This is in addition to the topic fliers that you will receive at the beginning of each topic. If you are not able to attend we will be sending out written information. The Year 2 meeting will take place in Owls classroom and the Year 1 meeting will take place in Squirrels classroom.

Clubs

This year we will be offering the following clubs: Art (Year 2 only), German (Years 1 and 2), Dance (Years 1 and 2), Sports Challenge (Years 1 and 2) and French (Years 1 and 2)



Art Club will now be run after school on Mondays, starting on 15th September. It will still be open to all Year 2 pupils. The club will now be run by our teachers on a rota basis, and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards materials.

We are introducing a new German club which will also run after school on Mondays in addition to the French club that takes place on a Friday lunchtime. We feel strongly that it is only advisable for young children to learn one extra language at a time (unless they are bi-lingual). Please see the letters about these clubs enclosed with this newsletter.

Some of the above clubs will be open to Reception children after Christmas.

Remember, Pupil Premium children are entitled to one free club per term.



Cool Milk

You can still register your child for milk at school, which is free to Pupil Premium children as well as all Year R children until the term before they turn 5. All children whether paying or entitled to free milk must register via Cool Milk, in order that the correct quantity of milk is delivered throughout the week. To register your child please visit www.coolmilk.com, email registrations@coolmilk.com, or call on 0844 854 2913. Alternatively, we still have a few forms available in the office if you would like to register via post.



School Website

Unfortunately, due to a few teething problems with our new website it was not able to make it live at the end of last term as planned. We are continuing to work on it this week and should be able to launch it next week. We will keep you posted!

