



Tours for Next Year's Reception Classes

Over the next few months we will be showing prospective parents around the school for next year's intake. The tours will involve a short presentation from the head teacher and then an opportunity to look around the school. Tours have been organised for:

10th September at 9.15am

3rd October at 9.15am

16th October at 9.15am

7th November at 9.15am

27th November at 9.15am

No appointment is necessary; parents are welcome to just turn up on the day.

Welcome

It is really pleasing to see how well all of our children have settled back into their learning this term and we are delighted with how at home our new reception children look. It is a delight to see the smiles on their faces and the obvious enjoyment they are getting from the time they are spending in school.

It is of the utmost importance to all us that we strive to do the very best for your children. On the rare occasions that any concerns or issues do develop it is important that they are brought to our attention so that they can be addressed quickly. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns during the school year that your child's teacher may not be able to help you with.

Parents' Forum

We would like to thank those parents who attended our first parents' forum meeting at the beginning of this term.

During the meeting we reviewed our Home School Agreement which can be found on our school website.

Parents also discussed the impact of communication between parents and the school. The new website and Facebook pages were found to be very useful and informative and the weekly news bulletin that the school sends out on a Monday was said to be a very useful

reminder of events that were taking place in each year group over the coming weeks.

Friends Update

The Friends have been busy this term planning a number of very exciting events that they will be running throughout the year.

The Friends team is now hard at work planning for the Christmas fair which will take place after school on Friday 29th November.

They are always in need of new members or parents who can spare a few hours to help. If you are able to spare some time or are available to help out at the Christmas fair, please contact the Friends team through their Facebook page or by contacting the school office.

Year 6 Camp

Our children in Year 6 had a fantastic time whilst on their week's residential camp at Kilve Court at the beginning of this term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children for their exemplary behaviour during their time away. We received numerous comments from the staff at the activity centre regarding the children's behaviour, enthusiasm and their eagerness to support and work with each other as a team. We would also like to thank all of our staff who volunteered their time to accompany the children and help make the camp such a success.



Woodland Nurturing

A number of our year groups have already been out to Hortham Farm this term to take part in woodland nurturing sessions. These sessions are very much enjoyed by the children and it is always really pleasing to see how their independence and outdoor skills develop during their time in the forest. We are always very grateful to all of our parents who can take the time to volunteer to help out at these sessions. Without this help we would not be able to run the programme out of school. A list of the weeks when woodland nurturing sessions will be occurring in each year group has been added to the dates section at the end of this newsletter and is also on the school website calendar. Please can we encourage parents to consider and let us know in advance if you would be available to help at on one or more of these days.

Parent Readers

As a school we would be very grateful if any of our parents or grandparents could spare a small amount of time to volunteer to come into school and hear children read. If you are able to help out at any time, during the school day, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Pupil Premium

Every year at this time, we send out a reminder to all families about **Pupil Premium** funding. **Pupil Premium funding** was introduced by the government in April 2011 and, since that date, schools have been allocated funding for children from families who are eligible for certain Government benefits, free school meals, plus looked-after children and those from families with parents in the Armed Forces. If a child has received free school meals at any point during their time at primary school, the school will continue to receive **Pupil Premium** funding until the day that they leave the school.

The aim of the funding is to help raise standards for children in these groups. For eligible children, we will be offering a whole range of benefits, including a 50% discount on these activities:

Residential school camp (Y6)

Educational school visits

Musical instrument lessons (in school)

On top of this, we will be offering a free set of **school uniform** (to be purchased through the school) and a free place at our **Breakfast Club**. We will also be providing an additional **50% contribution of up to £100 towards a club** that is run either inside or outside of school. It would be a requirement that any club would promote the values of the school. This might include, for example, swimming lessons or beavers/cubs/brownies.

In addition to the list above, it is intended that this year's funding will make a contribution towards the following: (This is a small sample of what we offer, there are more details available on the school's website.)

-Interventions to support children's learning in small groups

-Pastoral Support (with Mrs Martin)

-Counselling

-Resources for use in English and maths, including IT

-Forest schools

-Lunchtime support groups

You can register for Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of a number of Government benefits:

-Income Support

-Income-based Job Seekers Allowance

-Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

-Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act 1999

-The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit Child Tax Credit (with no working credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

-Working Tax Credit run-on

-Universal Credit

All children who are in Reception or Year 1 or Year 2 in a state funded school have been offered a free healthy school lunch. **Children in other years will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent is currently receiving any of the welfare benefits listed above.**

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This additional pupil premium money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed above. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible and we can help to provide you with the benefits listed above.

If you are in receipt of any of the Government benefits (listed above) or are already registered for pupil premium, please contact the school office and Mrs Morris will be happy to answer any questions you may have and will provide you with the necessary forms to complete.

Bicycles and Scooters

For health and safety reasons, we ask that no children or their parents ride bicycles or scooters on the school playground. If they need to be brought on to the school site they need to be pushed. We ask that this rule applies to very small children as well please.

Holiday and Absences from School Reminder

This is to remind parents that absence from school may only now be granted by the head teacher in 'exceptional' circumstances. Governors have agreed that this could include, attending funerals or family weddings etc. Following Government guidelines, holidays can not be authorised during term time. The head teacher can only consider applications made using the 'School Application for Absence Form' which must be submitted two calendar weeks ahead of the date requested for absence.

INSET Days

This year's INSET days will be held on the following days:

- 2nd September
- 23rd May
- 2nd June
- 21st July
- 22nd July

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am and our after school club is open between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Bookings for the clubs will be made on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to book a space for your child, please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Term 1

Week 1

2nd September: INSET

3rd September: Children arrive back

3rd – 6th September: Reception half day split

Week 2

9th – 13th September: Year 4 Swimming

9th – 13th September: Reception half days split

9th – 13th September: Meet teacher week

9th – 13th September: Year 6 camp

10th September: New Reception parents' tour (9.15am)

Week 3

16th – 20th September: Year 4 Swimming

16th – 20th September: Reception mornings and lunch

16th – 20th September: Reception consultations in afternoon

16th – 20th September: Meet teacher week

16th – 20th September: Year 3 Forest school

Week 4

23rd September: Reception in full time

23rd – 27th September: Year 5 Forest school

26th September: Parent forum (2.45pm)

Year 4 Meet the Teacher (date TBC)

Week 5

30th September: Reception parents' information evening (6pm)

30th – 4th September: Open mornings week (3pm)

3rd October: New reception parents' tours (9.15am)

Week 6

9th – 10th October: Parents consultations

Week 7



16th October: New reception parents' tour
(9.15am)

Week 8

21st – 25th October: Year 4 Forest School

25th October: Birthday Friday

25th October: End of Term

Term 2

Week 1

4th November: Children arrive back

4th – 8th November: Year 6 Forest School

7th November: New reception parents' tour
(9.15am)

Week 2

15th November: Children in Need

Week 3

18th November: Year 5 camp meeting for
residential in Year 6 (6pm)

18th - 22nd November: Assessment week

20th - 21st November: Reception open
afternoons (3.30pm – 4.30pm)

22st November: New reception parents' tour
(9.15am)

Week 4

29th November: Xmas fair

Week 5

2nd - 6th December: KS1 productions

Week 6

9th - 11th December: Reception production

Week 7

18th December: Xmas lunches

20th December: Birthday Friday

20th December: End of Term

Term 3

Week 1

6th January: Children arrive back

Week 2

13th – 17th January: Year 4 Swimming

Week 3

20th – 24th January: Year 4 Swimming

23rd January: Parent forum (2.45pm)

Week 6

14th February: Birthday Friday 14th Feb

14th February: End of Term

Term 4

Week 1

24th February: Children arrive back

24th - 28th February: Year 5 Forest School

Week 2

Week 3

10th – 14th March: Open morning week

10th – 14th March: Year 4 Forest School

14th March: Sports Relief (TBC)

Week 4

19th and 20th March: Parent consultations

17th and 18th March: Year 4 MOJO Active

19th and 20th March: Year 2 MOJO Active

Week 5

24th – 28th March: Year 3 Forest School

24th March: Year 5 parents' camp meeting
(3.30pm)

Week 6

4th April: Birthday Friday

4th April: End Term

Term 5

Week 1

22nd April: Children arrive back

22nd and 23rd: Year 5 MOJO Active

24th and 25th April: Year 2 Forest School

Week 2

28th and 29th April: Year 1 MOJO Active

30th April and 1st May: Year 3 MOJO Active

1st May: Parent forum (2.45pm)

Week 3

6th – 9th May: Reception and Year 1 Forest
School

Week 4

12th – 15th May: KS2 SATs

16th – 17th May: Year 5 camp

Week 5

20th and 21st May: Sports Days (reserve 22nd)

22nd May: Birthday Thursday

23rd May: INSET

23rd May: End Term

Term 6

Week 1

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2nd June: INSET

3rd June: Children arrive back

2nd June: 2-week window commencing for Year 4 Multiplication tables check (ending 13th June)

3rd – 6th June: Year 5 Forest School

Week 2

9th June: New reception parents meeting (6pm)

9th – 13th June: Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics screening

10th and 11th June: Year 6 MOJO Active

12th and 13th June: Reception MOJO Active

Week 3

16th June – 27th June: New reception meet the teacher visits (after school)

16th – 20th June: Year 6 Forest School

Week 4

27th June: Class swap

Week 5

30th June – 4th July: Year 3 and 4 Forest School (1 day Hortham, 1 day school site per class)

30th June – 3rd July: Reception stay and play visits

4th July: Reception teddy bear picnic

Week 6

10th July SLT Middle Leaders Review

12th July Summer Fair

Week 7

17th July: Parents' evening (3.30 – 4.30pm)

18th July: Birthday Friday

18th July: Last day for children

Week 8

21st July: INSET

22nd July: INSET

Each Year Group will need to decide upon their own school trips.

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