



Wednesday 12th October 2016

Parent Events Coming Soon!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The link between home and school is something that we believe to be vital to ensure that we can really support your child(ren) to reach their full potential in their time with us. To help you understand the new curriculum and the things that the school is focusing on, over the next half term we have many events for you to come along to. Some of these events will be about sharing what your child is doing and is a chance for your child to talk to you about their learning (a celebration event). Others are where we will show you teaching methods; explain processes to you about how we teach particular areas of the curriculum and give you advice for how to support your child at home (Parent Information Evenings – PIEs).

Homework/ Topic Celebration Event – 14th October 2016

To celebrate the children's successes this half term, we will be having an open afternoon on Friday. This will be a chance to see all of the fantastic homework projects and the work that the children have been doing in school. I know that Year 6 in particular have some very exciting things planned! The doors will be open from 2:00pm until home time at 3:10pm for the whole school except Y6 who will be having theirs from 1:10pm – 2:10pm as they have PE in the afternoon. You do not need to come for the full time and you are more than welcome to wander into other classrooms to see what has been happening. This will be the first of 6 celebration afternoons, one each half term, for you to see what your child has been doing. The other dates are:

- Wednesday 14th December 2016
- Friday 10th February 2017
- Friday 7th April 2017
- Friday 26th May 2017
- Friday 30th June 2017

Phonics PIE (for EYFS parents) – 1st November 2016

This evening will explain to you how we teach your child Phonics – a fundamental stepping stone in teaching children to read. This will give you insight into how we teach phonics at school and give you games and ideas to support at home. More information on times will follow shortly.

Maths No Problem PIE – 9th November 5:30pm – 6:30pm

You may have been aware that we have launched a new maths scheme this term called Maths No Problem. This scheme is based on the Singaporean Maths concepts as they are the World Leading teachers of maths. It has worked very well in the other Trust Schools that trialled the programme last year. This evening will give you an idea about how the lesson is taught and give you practical advice to support your child with maths at home. We will also be demonstrating the written maths methods and Mathletics programme.

Onsie 'pon at time evening – 18th November 2016 6:30pm – 7:30pm

To launch our new library, we will be hosting a bedtime stories evening. This evening will be an evening for children to come and enjoy story-telling and being immersed in books. There will be a small charge on the night and funds will be going to WHA to say thank you for supporting us with the project. Whilst the children are having their storytelling, the parents will have an opportunity to find out about AR reader, our new KS2 reading scheme.

Community Open Morning- 24th November 9:00 – 12:10pm

This day will be for the members of the community to come and have a look around our fantastic school. We will be inviting pre-schools and members of the community who have supported us over the years. We will also be welcoming Grandparents to the day to come and spend time in classes and see a 'day in the life of' experience.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances for EYFS – Y2 will take place from 6th – 8th December, with the 6th December being a Community performance for local pre-schools, Grandparents and other community members.

Our KS2 carol concert will be on Monday 12th December.

I hope you'll agree that we have lots of ideas planned and hopefully they will all be really beneficial to you. I would appreciate any other ideas that you have about events that you would like to help support you in school. Please contact me if you have any suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sarah Sadler, Headteacher

