



8th September, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that our first newsletter of this new academic year finds you well rested. Thank you for preparing your children well; they are looking so smart in their new school uniforms.



Firstly I'd like to warmly welcome our new Ash Class and their families. We hope that your child's first week at school has been a success. We certainly noticed lots of smooth drops offs where parents were encouraging their children to be independent which is always good to see and in the child's best interest. You will receive this weekly newsletter which aims to keep you abreast with life in school as well as any important information and reminders we may need to share with you.

We have all been particularly impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes, their attitude to their work and their desire for new beginnings. We feel encouraged that these levels of motivation will sustain us through the term so we look forward to sharing all of the children's successes with you.

Please note that a number of dates have been added to the foot of the newsletter to help you get organised for the weeks ahead. As always, further details will follow in the form of separate letters to the families that need to know.

Yew Class Year 5 news

The Year 5 children in Yew class have had a cross curricular week revolving around the book 'Cloudbusting'. They made a rainbow fruit salad with meringue clouds in D.T. In Maths, they explored the patterns in the Fibonacci sequence and examined fruit and flowers to see how the sequence occurs in nature. In Art, they planned a watercolour landscape composed using the Fibonacci spiral. In Literacy, they used many drama techniques for example role play, conscience alley and poetry recital to explore the characters and dilemmas in the book. Finally in Science, they created a cloud in a jar and made cloud mobiles to share key information about clouds.



Let's get COOKing

We rely on your support to run some of our Golden Time Clubs. This is a privileged time for our children to explore a variety of activities and learning of new skills. Mrs Greig and Mrs Carr-Roberts have been leading this Golden Time club with great success, sharing their duties from week to week. It's always very popular with children across the school. With Mrs Greig increasing her hours in school, she is no longer able to commit to this club. If you are a parent and are keen to lead the cooking with our children, please contact the school office or Mrs Carr-Roberts.

Dinner Money – Year 3 children

A reminder that as your child moves into Year 3 they will no longer be eligible for universal school meals. This means if your child has a school dinner there needs to be sufficient credit on your dinner account to pay for the meal. School dinners are priced at £2.15. We find that children enjoy the lunch options on offer so would also encourage parents to book a school lunch for their children.

We urge parents to use our online payment system, which allows for greater visibility of balances and dinners. An online set up code is available via the school office.

Data Return form: Media Consent and Local Educational Visits consent

Thank you to those of you who have sent your data information back to the office. This enables us to keep our records up to date as well as getting important consents from you like media consent and local visits consent. The reasons for this being: Occasionally, we may take photographs of the children at our school. Images are usually of curriculum based activities and are displayed either on our website or around the school. All website photos are anonymous. Local newspapers photograph our reception Nativity play and from time to time, newspapers will be invited to photograph special activities. If names are required for any of these events we will ask you for permission prior to the event.

In addition, there are times during your child's 7 years at Primary School when a topic is enhanced by first-hand experiences. On occasions, we would like to walk your child, as part of their class activity, to the local shops, church, on the Golden Mile or another local area of significance. We would of course always notify you in advance by letter or via Parent Mail when an activity of this nature will be taking place. Educational visits that require transport and that are more than half a mile from the school will always be accompanied by their own permission slip.

If you haven't already returned your forms to the office, we'd be grateful if you could do so at your earliest convenience.

Meet the Teacher Event (Y1-Y6)

Information was sent out this week to invite parents/carers to come along to meet their child's new teacher on Wednesday 20th September, and hear about what we have planned for them over the next term/academic year and how, in partnership together, we can ensure your child gets the most from their education and makes progress. I will be meeting with parents in the hall first to launch a home learning consultation. If you are interested in this, then I would encourage you to attend. Further details are can be found in the letter sent via parentmail on Tuesday.



Star of the Week

Ash	Whole Class	For settling in so well and being excellent Curious Cats exploring the classroom!
Beech	Betty	For challenging herself in ALL her learning ALL week. Well done Betty!
Oak	Harvey	For writing a detailed and well-punctuated list using commas.
Sycamore	Chloe Hewitt	For a fantastic start to the year – a really positive attitude. Also for stretching herself in maths and thoughtful editing of her writing.
Willow	Elliot Wing	For producing a super information text about a holiday in Greece.
Yew	Jay Hester	For persevering well in all tasks, particularly his watercolour landscape composed using the Fibonacci spiral.



Roll of Honour

Beech	Bella	For settling into Beech Class so beautifully.
	George	For his super sensible attitude and keeping the Golden Rule 'We look after our property' superbly!
Oak	Aiden	For challenging himself to improve his handwriting every day!
	Sophie E	For being a good Team Bee by setting an excellent example to others.
Sycamore	Saul	For challenging himself – some super problem-solving in maths and lovely description in his writing.
	George	For thinking hard about what to include in his writing – very imaginative and great skills shown.
Willow	Xanthe	For showing care to others and helping a new member of the class settle in.
	Heidi	For showing courage in her learning this week to try new things and persevering with maths.
Yew	Samuel	For his outstanding work ethic, particularly his work on the Fibonacci sequence in Maths.
	Rosie D	For superbly putting herself in the role of a main character in a book.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
18th September	Live Music Concert – Yr 1-6
19th September	Adversity Workshop for Yew, Willow and Sycamore Class
19th September	Beech and Oak trip to Beaulieu
20th September	Greek Workshop – Willow Class
20th September	Meet the New Teacher event 4:45 – 6:15pm
21st September	TSM Election Day
26th September	Healthy Eating Presentation – Yr 6s
2nd October	INSET Day
4th October	School Photographer (individual and siblings)
12th October	Watercress Line visit – Yew Class
16th – 20th October	Diversity Week
17th October	School Disco
19th October	Art Exhibition – 3:00-4:00pm
20th October	Dress in the colours of the Chinese flag
20th October	Harvest Service @ St Mary's Church 9:30am
23rd – 27th October	HALF TERM
6th November	Special Remembrance Assembly – Passchendaele
9th November	Stonehenge trip – Sycamore Class
7th November	Yew Class trip to Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson
12th November	PTA Fireworks
13th – 17th November	Health and Wellbeing Week
13th November	Theatre visit to school – Hope
17th November	Life Education Parents Workshop – Details to follow
21st November	Parents' Evening 4-6pm
23rd November	Parent's Evening 5-7pm

4th December	INSET Day
12th December	KS1 Nativity @ St Mary's Church 2pm
13th December	KS1 Nativity in the School Hall 9:30am
15th December	KS2 Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 9:30am
15th December	Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin

Warm Wishes



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