

Important Information

We have a member of staff off work with shingles; the advice given to us by the HPA is to advise anybody that is pregnant or may be pregnant or if you have a vulnerable child to seek medical advice. If you have any concerns or would like any more information please contact Mrs Martin or Mrs Killick.

Break snacks

Please can I politely remind you about what we allow the children to eat at break time. As a healthy school we allow healthy snacks only. Please do not send in Fruit Winders as although they contain 50% fruit they also contain 47% real sugars, pepperoni sticks, Dairy Lea Dippers, biscuits including breakfast biscuits, cakes or sweets. Your child can enjoy a treat in their lunchbox. A piece of fruit or vegetable is great for a snack. If your child would like a sandwich please ensure it has a healthy filling and please remember if your child has a packed lunch to pack enough sandwiches for lunchtime as well. Finally, don't forget we are a **nut free** school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

'Brilliant Books and Rapturous Reads' Monday 2nd March-Friday 6th March

We already have lots of brilliant things planned for this week including the library service working with each year group and authors and illustrators coming to visit as well as our favourite character dressing up day on the Thursday. We are also hoping that you- Mum's Dad's Grandparents or anyone else, may be able to come in and read to or with the children. Please contact the office if you are able to help. We are hoping that a lot of you will be able to come in and read a short extract from your favourite book on Friday 6th between 2.30pm and 3.00pm (as Ivy Class have PE at this time if you would like to read to Y5/6 please can you come in between 1.00pm and 1.30pm on the 6th) but you are also very welcome at any other time. Please can you let the office know what book you would like to read and your preferred age group.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Seeing teachers before school

We always want to hear about things that may affect your child's learning but please be aware that teachers are always very busy before school preparing for the day and there may not be an opportunity for you to come and speak to them. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher please speak to the office and they will make a time that is suitable for you both or they will take a message and pass it on. Thank you

Dates for your diary

The School Council has recently met and has decided to support Oxfam to raise money to allow more children to have access to clean water. School Council have researched this themselves and have found out that £22 will fix a well and £95 will allow a village to get water from a tap. To raise the money they would like to hold a pyjama day on Friday 13th February- your child can come to school dressed in

pyjama's, onesies, dressing gowns etc. in return for a small donation and/or something suitable for a tombola that the School Council want to organise in the second half of term. If they wish to your child can also bring in their favourite soft toy (please can they be named with your child's name!)

Inset days 2015-16

At a recent Governing Body meeting the Governors agreed the following Inset days:

September 3rd and 4th 2015

November 2nd 2015

February 22nd 2016

June 13th 2016

Child Protection

If you have any concerns about any aspect of Child Protection please come and speak to Mrs Dawson who is the Designated Child Protection Officer. If I am unavailable then please speak to Mrs Bradbury.

Open Afternoon

Just to remind you about our open afternoon for parents 12th Feb 2.30-3.30pm for you to come and see what your child /ren has been learning this half term.

Children representing the school at sporting events

As I am sure you agree we want our children to look as smart as possible when competing against other school. Please can you help us with this by ensuring that your child is wearing a correct, clean PE kit. Many thanks

Bringing things into school

Please can I remind you that your children should not be bringing things into school that are precious to them as they may get lost. We are also having some problems with children bringing in sets of cards to swap. No cards in school please!

Break the Rules Day

We have decided to postpone this event and will hold another event later in the term

Change of date

The second hand book sale will now take place Tuesday 3rd March.

Headlice

The attached provides a link to the NHS choices web site where advice for parents and carers on detection and treatment of head lice can be accessed.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/introduction.aspx>