

## Parent Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

### Half a school year down.

As half the school year draws to end it is an opportunity to share some of the highlight of the first half of this term. The children had great fun learning how to make pizza when the Food Fun company visited on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



The children also had a visit from the Oral Hygiene Promoter from the NHS who talked to the Nursery children about looking after their teeth.



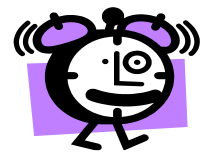
She also taught all the children in Year 1 how to brush their teeth properly and also ran talks for parents on the importance of registering their children from the time they cut their first tooth with a dentist and to attend routine visits to check the health of their child's teeth.



It was also e-safety day on the 31<sup>st</sup> January and our school website provided some helpful advice and tips for supporting parents with ensuring the safe use of computers and tables by their children. The children designed posters and has lessons in school making them aware of how to use their IT equipment safely and the importance of never sharing personal information on line or communicating with people they do not know.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February the PTA will be hosting a Valentines Disco for the children in Years 1 & 2 from 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. The children who have tickets will be taken straight to the hall by the class teachers and parents should arrive at the main entrance at 4.30 p.m. to collect their children.





## Attendance

Please note the timings of the school day:

It is important to ensure that children attend school regularly and equally importantly on time – NOT LATE!!!!

**Nursery** a.m. session: 8.45 – 11.45 a.m.

Nursery p.m. session: 12.45 – 3.45 p.m.

***Please remember that the Reception classes are now operating a soft start so the children are able to be dropped off from 8.45 a.m. (5 minutes earlier) thus allowing parents to drop their reception child off allowing time to walk around to drop off any older children at the other side of the school. Unfortunately there continue to be a large number of children being dropped off at 9 a.m. when the gates are being locked. Please take advantage of this opportunity and help us to ensure the safety and well-being of your children!***

**Reception:** 8.45 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.

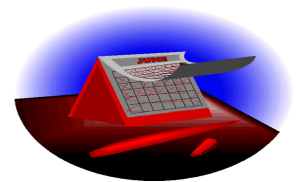
Years 1 & 2 (KS1): 8.50 a.m. – 3.20 p.m.

During the month of **January** the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Seahorse Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
05 - 06 January	Starfish	97%
09 – 13 January	Dragonfly	99%
16 – 20 January	Turtle	96%
23 – 27 January	Mexico	98%
January	Seahorse	95%

Later this month the Court Attendance Officer will be meeting with parents who have submitted requests for leave under exceptional circumstances to review the evidence and reason for taking their children out of school during term time. If they find the reasons and evidence does not support the request a number of families will be issued with penalty notices/fines.

## School term dates.



### **SPRING TERM 2017**

First Day of Term for pupils

Half Term

Last day Of Term

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### **SUMMER TERM 2017**

First Day of Term for pupils

May Day bank holiday

Half Term

Last day Of Term

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **INSET (staff training days)**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**\*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

**\*Please note if you have a child/children in the Junior School that this INSET days is different. Any children attending the Junior School should still attend school as normal on this day.**

**Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m.  
(Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017).**

### **Diary dates for the Spring term 2017:**

#### **Parental engagement sessions second half of the spring term.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target group</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Dragonfly Class
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Bumblebee Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - School closed to the children all day	12.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Parent meetings (one to one sessions parent and child to discuss progress and share targets)	Reception, Year 1 & 2 parents by appointment only. (except Starfish Class) (parents will also receive a mid-year report on attendance)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9-12 noon	Parents meetings (one to one sessions parent and child to discuss progress and share targets)	Starfish class only.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	5 – 7.20 p.m.		
“	9-12 noon		Rainbow class parents
“	12. 45 – 4 p.m.		Snowflake class parents
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations.	Ladybird class parents.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Caterpillar Class
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Ladybird Class
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations	Caterpillar class parents.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations	Dragonfly class parents.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations	Bumblebee class parents.

#### **Other events taking place in school supporting and enhancing your child's learning for your information include:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Year groups</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Puppet Theatre show	All year groups
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book day	All children dress up in their favourite book character.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Samba Drumming	All year groups
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Samba Drumming	All year groups
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Photographers – taking individual photos of children.	All children to be in smart school uniform.

#### **Spring term 2017 Class Assemblies.**

This term each class will present an assembly. Parents/guardians will be invited to attend their child's class assembly. The spring term dates are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>
Ghana	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Brazil	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017
Madagascar	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Turtle	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Reception	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Starfish	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017

## School Travel Plan

As an accredited GOLD travel plan school we continue to promote WOW – Walk on Wednesday encouraging every child/family to walk or park away from the school and walk to school at least every Wednesday.

Each month we will celebrate by announcing the class with the most pupils walking to school on Wednesdays.

During the month of January congratulations go to Ladybird & Clownfish Class.

Later in the year we will host events to support walking, scooter or cycling and we will invite parents/careers to join us for those events too.

Please remember not to obstruct residents drive ways or park on the zigzag lines when dropping and collecting your children from school.

## Health & Safety

Please remember that Infant school children should not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. The doors open at 8.50 a.m. and therefore they should remain in the supervision of the adult who is dropping them off at school until they are safely handed over to the class teacher.

Similarly at the end of the day, the children are handed over to the adult collecting them and it is their responsibility to then supervise the child. There continues to be the issue of children playing on the school equipment which should not be used unsupervised at the end of the school day. We do not take responsibility for any injuries that take place to children on school equipment which is being used without authorisation at the start and end of the school day.

Last week a child was brought to the school office as the adult who had collected the child did not supervise them once the child had been collected.

Also once the school gates are open we are not aware of all the school families and it is a prime time for a stranger to walk on to the school site, so please take greater care and always keep your children by your side once until they are handed over to a member of the school staff at the start of the school day and with you once collected at the end of the school day. The school gates are locked promptly at 9 a.m. in the morning and at 3.45 p.m. at the end of the school day. So please do not allow your children to wonder off and start playing on the infant and junior school equipment.

## After School Club.

The After School Club which provides parents with child care from 3.30 – 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday has now moved to the school canteen and is managed by the schools. The children have settled well and there are children who attend every day or a few days per week. Now that the school is managing this provision we are able to offer parents casual child care provided your child is registered as a casual user. This means that you can phone on the day and ask for your child to attend the after school club and pay when you collect. There are a number of options too. You can select from the full session at £7 (3.30 – 5.45 p.m.) or a short stay at £4 (3.30 – 4.15 p.m.).

We will also be sending children to the After school club if you are late collecting your child at the end of the school day and you will be charge at the short stay or full day rate depending upon the time you collect your child.

It is in your best interest to collect your child on time at the end of the school day or arrange to be a casual user.

Details can be obtained from the Junior School office.

