

Newsletter

31st October



You will have noticed that there will now be an Election on 12th December. **This means that the school will be closed.** Concerts will still go ahead. The dates are as follows:

Foundation Concerts: Tuesday 10th December, afternoon and Wednesday 11th December, morning

Year 1 Concert: Friday 13th December, morning

Year 2 Concert: Monday 16th December, morning

New Reading Books

We hope you are enjoying the new reading books. We have already had to top up some of the colour bands with additional titles. So far, the feedback has been positive from children and parents. I read regularly with a few children and we have particularly loved the quiz at the end. I also like to give my children a challenge of reading a book more fluently on a second or third reading. So that you can have a chance to go back to a book we have decided to send home 2 books at the same time and keep them for the week. This means that you can make a choice about how much time you spend on each book and you can go back to a book to re-read and check understanding and memory of new words.

Library

During half term we had the library decorated and Ms Preston has ordered lots of new books. We hope to reorganise the library to make it a really lovely place for children to visit.

Please note that the library is closed after school so that it can be cleaned and tidied. No food should be taken into the library.

Nursery inside door

Ms Myzer has told me that some parents have been using the inside door to walk through school at the end of the day to go to the playground. We expect parents collecting nursery children to use the nursery path and walk round to the playground using the outside route.

Talking to teachers

I am so pleased that almost every parent came to see teachers during the consultation evenings before half term. I know that sometimes you need to talk to teachers at other times. As it is important that teachers give their attention to children when they are coming into school in the morning, we request that these conversations mostly take place at the end of the day. Of course, urgent issues should always be shared at the earliest opportunity.

Finally, your children work hard at school. Teachers have learning planned as soon as the day starts and as you know there are even activities in Busy Books or whiteboards before the day officially starts. This does mean that children need to be in classes and ready to start as soon as the bell goes. We have noticed that some parents are still in school at that time and that means that their children are coming into class late.

Now that children have been in school for half a term we would expect that **all** Year 2 children should be able to go into school by themselves. **Most** Year 1 children should be able to go into school by themselves and quite a few reception children are already going into school independently. Please remember you are helping your child if you let them be independent. However, we do not have a rule about parents not coming into school so we trust you to make the right decision for your child.

Don't forget tomorrow children can wear purple or dress as super heroes for our charity fund raising day for the Polio Society.

Mrs Julia Thomas
Headteacher

Dates:

I know lots of you like to have these as early as possible. Please be aware that sometimes it is necessary to make changes as circumstances change.

- WB 4th November RWI sessions for parents
- 11th November Taster Session for new children and parents 1.30-3.00
- 8th, 15th and 22nd November Keeping Safe Fridays
- 8th, 15th and 22nd Y2 class assemblies - individual class dates will be notified nearer the time by class teacher.
- 2nd December Taster session for new children and parents
- 6th December PSA disco for children after school
- 13th December PSA Christmas fundraising event
- Christmas concerts
 - Foundation morning 10th December p.m.
 - Foundation afternoon 11th December a.m.
 - Y1 13th December a.m.
 - Y2 16th December a.m.
- Christmas parties p.m. children can wear party clothes all day
- 19th December last day of term - school closes at 2.15
- 6th January first day of term
- 7th February PSA event Quiz night provisional date
- 12th February consultation evening 4.00-6.00 p.m.
- 13th February consultation evening 5.00-8.15 p.m.
- 17th - 21st February HALF TERM
- 6th March World Book Day - dressing up day
- 9th - 13th Arts week
- 26th March Exhibition Evening
- 31st March Easter Assembly led by Year 2

- 2nd April Easter Bonnet parade 9.00 a.m.
- 3rd April last day of term - school closes at 2.15 p.m.
- 20th April first day of term
- **8th May Friday - Bank Holiday (Change from Monday 4th)**
- 25th - 29th May HALF TERM
- 19th June PSA Fundraising event - provisional date
- **19th June Sports day Friday 9.00 (alternative 3rd July)**
- **27th June PSA Event - Summer Fair**
- 7th July Transition day - Provisional Date - All children meet new teachers reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Summer Concerts
 - Foundation 8th July p.m.
 - Foundation 9th July a.m.
 - Y2 10th July a.m.
 - Y1 14th July
 - Y2 Leavers 15th July
- 10th July PSA event - Y2 Leavers Party
- Last day of term 17th July - school closes at 2.15