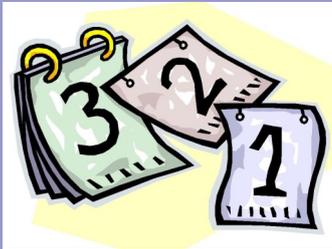


Autumn Term

August 2017



DIARY DATES

Attached to this newsletter you will find a list of diary dates for the next academic year. Updates will be sent as dates are added.



Twitter

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Welcome Back

How lovely it was to see the children running in to school on the first day of term happy and smiling. They look very smart in their uniform—thank you for continuing to support our policy so well.

We welcome our new members of staff.

Teachers—Miss Brailsford, Miss Blakie and Miss Carlisle; support staff Ms Howe, Mrs Astle and Mrs Clarke and our trainee teacher Mrs Thomas.

There have also been quite a few new children in addition to our Foundation Stage which means our numbers have now risen to 342. We are still able to keep class sizes below 30 in all year groups.

Reminders

Please remember our no chocolate policy for snacks and packed lunches except on Fridays. Also, it is important that long hair is tied up. This is for hygiene purposes as well as safety.



Make sure any ribbons or hairbands are not overly decorative, small and in school colours. Thank you to Y4 parents for remembering to allow your children to begin to develop some independence by letting them come into and out of the school on their own and arranging a

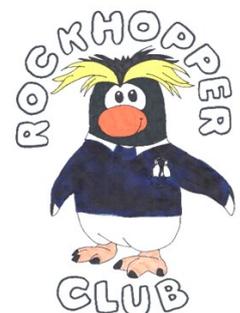
meeting place. The children really appreciate the trust you show. This is the first step in building their confidence so that over the next couple of years they prepare for the transition for secondary school.

Rockhopper

Our Rockhopper Club is proving to be very popular. We have set a maximum capacity of 40 which has been reached on several occasions.

You MUST complete and send in a booking form if you want a place. If you do not do so, your child may not have a place and you will have to collect them.

We have to be able to ensure the correct staffing as well as catering for meals. Booking forms are sent out in plenty of time so to be sure your place is reserved please return the forms as soon as possible as places cannot be guaranteed. **Having had a place previously is no guarantee of one in the future.**



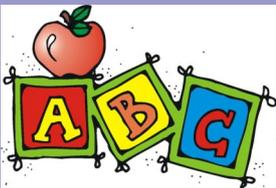
School Nurse

It is possible to contact the School Nurse directly on the following number: **01530 468570**



NUT FREE School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing anything in to school that may contain any type of nut. Anything that is brought in will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. This includes Nutella products.



Penguin Pre-School

Are you looking for childcare for your 2-4 year olds? Our Penguin Pre-school is now taking provisional bookings for the Spring term. If you are interested please contact the pre-school manager Sally-Ann Price using the school number: 01530 832116. Please get in touch as soon as possible as places book up very quickly.

Online Payments

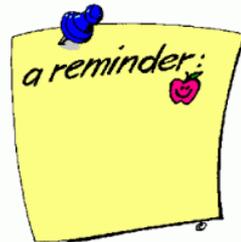
Parent Pay is now live and ready for our parents to use. All parents should have received their log in information before the summer holidays. If you have misplaced this please contact the school office. Our new Foundation Stage parents should receive their log-in details by the end of this week.



Parent pay allows our parents to pay for dinners, toast, trips and rockhopper club online. Parents can also book the days they wish their child to have dinners and toast in school. You can book these up until midnight the day before. This can also still be done through the office. We would like to encourage all parents to use parent pay and help the school become cashless. We have a computer available in school should any parent need to pay online who has been unable to gain access at home. This system is new for all so please bear with the office for the next couple of weeks. If your account is showing you owe money for things that you have paid cash, cheques or vouchers for, please allow 7 days before querying to allow the office time to input these on to the new system. Thank you.

Office Reminders

If you are unable to use our online payments system, parent pay, and need to bring in cash to pay for anything, please make sure that it is handed over to the office in a sealed envelope. The envelope needs to have written on it: your child's name, class and what the money is for. If you are sending money in for dinners and toast it is always helpful to write down which days you require your child to have these. We would like to remind parents that we have a red "parents to office" box in reception where envelopes can be posted to save you waiting at busy periods such as first thing in the morning.



Help Required!

During the summer our garden and pond area has become quite overgrown. We do try to keep it tidy during golden time but could really use some help. If there are any parents, grandparents or carers who could spare an hour on a Friday afternoon between 2 o'clock and 3 o'clock to help us, we would be very grateful. You don't have to be an expert gardener just as long as you don't mind getting a bit dirty. If you would like to help or for more information please contact Ms Applewhite or pop into the school office.

