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Happy New Year!

Welcome to our new member of staff

We are very happy to have Mrs Claire Milner teaching in the Foundation Stage Unit. By now, many parents whose children are in Bunnies or Reception year will have seen her if not spoken to her, but she is planning a "meet the teacher" meeting soon. More details will follow regarding this and a similar meeting for parents of pupils in Class Three.

Mrs Faye Tingley is already known to many of you as a mum to four of our pupils and teacher in Class One and we welcome her to her role teaching in Class Three Monday to Thursday mornings.

Well done Red House pupils!

On Monday 11th January, children from Red House will be going to Jubilee Park as a reward for collecting the most tokens for their house. Tokens are given as part of our whole school reward system. Please could children in Red House come to school wearing an item of red clothing, and bring packed lunch, waterproof clothing and suitable footwear for the park. They will eating their lunch in school early before going on their special visit.

Emergency closure reminder

We are expecting winter to come along in the next few days, so please keep an eye on your emails if you think it is likely that school will be closed. If it becomes necessary to close the school we will endeavour to send out an email prior to 7:40 am so that all parents and staff are aware. We will also be using the usual Radio stations to inform you – Radio Oxford, Heart and Jack FM - but it often takes a while to listen to the long list of closures! We will phone you if you are not available by email and this means that you need to ensure your phone contacts are up to date!

Day to Day things:

No nuts in school

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are a NUT FREE school. Just recently we have noticed some children are bringing in nuts as part of their packed lunch either as whole nuts or peanut butter sandwiches, healthy bars with nuts in, etc. We do have children in school with nut allergies and the consequences for them of coming into contact with nuts may be very unpleasant and dangerous.

Birthday party invitations

Could parents please give birthday party invitations out themselves as if some children aren't in school every day (especially in Bunnies) and they may not get it soon enough which can be inconvenient for both parties.

Invoice payments in cash

Please hand in money by using the letterbox next to the office window. This solves the problem of children forgetting to hand it to the teacher in the morning and is particularly important for younger pupils. It also saves cash being left in classrooms. It is also possible to pay online – details are on each invoice issued.

Uniform

We expect all children to come in school uniform and have it all named, and also have PE kit in school all week and a coat every day! If you have any questions about what is required please take a look at the website.

Helping in School:

Early Bird Reading

Thank you to the many parents and community members who have volunteered to work with children reading in the mornings from 8:40 – 9:00. Miss Woodford and Mrs Walsh are putting together a rota and identifying pupils who will be involved and will be in touch with the volunteers soon. We are planning to start this next week. Volunteers are asked to come in on the day that best suits them. Jenny Woodford or Linda Walsh will greet you on the first week and give you more information.

Introduction to working in Schools course

The WEA are running a very popular course for adults who wish to volunteer in a school, help their children with homework or eventually would like to work as a TA. The course is 5 weeks and costs £30 or is free if on income related benefits. Students can then progress on to the L2 accredited course. It runs on a Monday morning 9:30 – 11:30 in Botley. Leaflets are available from the office, or you can contact Emma Carney on 07770 641359/email ecarney@wea.org.uk

TA supply work – Before School Club March 8th – April 18th.

Suzy Miller will be having an operation on her knee and we will be needing to replace her on Monday to Friday mornings from 8 to 9 am in Before School Club. She also does a lunch duty from 12 – 1 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you could help with any of this please let the office know.

Invitations for parents:

Parent meetings with governors

With the newsletter you will also be receiving a letter from our Chair of Governors, Rachel Elliott and the EPA's CEO, Andy Hamilton, inviting you to two meetings, so please come along to meet them and Marilyn Trigg who will be Head from Easter.

Parents' Information Session regarding new assessment systems – Monday Feb 1st 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Bartholomew School is hosting a session for all parents of pupils in the EPA to provide information about the new assessment systems in place from this year. Please go along to find out more; this is for all parents, regardless of the age of your child(ren).

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Dates for your diary 2015-16

Parents/carers are invited to items in bold

January

11th 9:30 – 11:00 selected Year Five and Six Swimming Gala (parents to transport there and back)

11th 12:00 – 1:30 Red House reward trip to Jubilee Park

19th 7:00 pm Parents invited to school to meet the Governors and Andy Hamilton

21st 3:30 – 5:30 pm selected Year 5 and 6 pupils at Bartholomew Sportshall for EPA Athletics (parents to transport there and back)

25th 9:30 – 11:00 Year 1 and 2 Dance festival (parents to transport children there, only)

February

1st 7:00 – 8:00 pm Parents' Information session about new Assessment systems – Bartholomew School

3rd 1:15 Church Service

4th 6:00 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

8th Year 5 and 6 at the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools (IMPS) Witney Hospital

12th Term 3 ends 3:10 pm – **no Drama Club**

22nd Term 4 begins

23rd 7:00 pm Parents and Governors invited to meet Mrs Marilyn Trigg, new Head from Easter

March

2nd 1:15 Church Service

3rd Year Six at Bartholomew for Transition Day

24th Term 4 ends 1:15 pm

6:00 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

April

11th INSET day – no children at school

12th Term 5 begins

13th 1:15 Church Service

21st 7:00 – 8:30 pm Meeting for Year 5 and 6 children and parents ref Yenworthy trip

28th 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

May

2nd Bank holiday – no school

4th 1:15 Church Service

19th 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

27th Term 5 ends 3:10 pm

June

6th INSET day – no children at school but Year 5 and 6 Yenworthy trip leaves early morning

8th 1:15 Church Service

23rd 1:15 Sports Day

7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

30th Year Six at Bartholomew for Transition Day

6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

July

6th 1:15 Church Service

7th Sports Day if wet on 23rd June!

14th tbc 6:00 Governors Pay Committee meeting 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

20th Term 6 ends 1:15 pm