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Newsletter no.1 – 14th September 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

School News

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception children and parents. It is lovely to see you all.

This is the first of our monthly newsletters which coincide with our weekly updates.

The Morning Bell

Coming into school in the morning is the same as before. For our new parents you will have done this a few times now this week. However, to clarify, our morning bell goes at 8.50am. When the bell goes Years 1 and 2 will line up in the playground in their respective classes in front of their teachers.

The children are led in their lines into school through the rear door. If you arrive when the lines have gone into school please bring your child in through the front door and sign them in at Reception. Thank you.

The teachers will be in the playground 5 minutes before the bell goes which gives you an opportunity to pass on a quick message to them for the day. If you would like to have a longer discussion with your child's teacher please make an appointment through the school office.

Please ensure you stay with your child in the playground at the beginning of the day before the bell is rung.

School Gates

Please can you ensure that both gates to the entrance of the school are closed behind you. The security gate should not be propped open.

Parent Notes

There are Parent Notes slips hanging on the noticeboard in the lobby by the front door of the school. This is where you can write notes to any member of staff. Please post these in the pink box in the lobby which is emptied regularly.

Diary Dates:

Mon 17th Sept— Helpers in School Meeting @ 9.15am; Welcome Meeting for All Parents @ 6.30pm

Weds 19th Sept—Y2 Forest Schools

Thurs 20th Sept—Individual School Photos

Weds 26th Sept—How Good Are Your Muscles Workshop (details to follow);

Year 2 Forest Schools

Thurs 27th Sept—Individual School Photos (Reserve Day)

Fri 28th Sept—Macmillan Coffee Morning,

Weds 3rd Oct—Y2 Forest Schools

Tues 9th Oct— Informal Gov Mtg @ 6.30pm

Weds 10th Oct—Phonics/Reading/Writing Workshop—All Years (details to follow)

Fri 12th Oct—Flu Immunisation (All Years)

Mon 15th Oct—Parents Evening, 3.30-7.00pm)

Tues 16th Oct—Harvest Assembly @ 9.30am

Tues 17th Oct—Parents Evening, 3.30-7.00pm

Fri 19th Oct - TERM ENDS @ 3.15pm;

PTA Hotdog Friday

Mon 22th Oct—Fri 26th Oct—Half Term

Tues 30th Oct—Curriculum Governor Mtg

Weds 31st Oct—Maths Workshop @ 7.00pm

Fri 2nd Nov—PTA Halloween Disco (details to follow)



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Classroom Drop-in

Each week you will have the opportunity to drop in to your child's classroom to share in their learning by looking at displays on the wall and any pieces of work that have been left out on tables to view.

Please do pop in to borrow our popular story sacks and maths games too!

PE Kit

Please can you ensure your child has a full named PE kit in school that includes a pair of plimsolls or trainers.

Welcome Meeting

We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Welcome Meeting on Monday 17th September at 6.30pm. This will be your opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and chat to the teachers. They will deliver a short presentation detailing weekly routines, timetables, topics and trips for the year.

'Maths Puzzler' and 'Maths Surgery' - For Years 1 and 2

We are pleased to launch our second issue of the monthly 'Maths Puzzler' to promote fun and exciting maths at home. A 'Maths Puzzler' page will be published every month for you to enjoy with your child and family. This will include optional puzzles (not homework) for you to solve with your child.

Just to remind you that we are holding a 'Maths Surgery' during every 'drop in' for our Year 1 and Year 2 children. This will give you the opportunity to ask class teachers questions or for support in maths areas or homework that your child has found tricky. The 'Maths Puzzler' will can also be found on our school website , [Maths Puzzler](#).

Macmillan Coffee Morning—Friday 28th September

We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9.30am. All cake donations will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donation to the school office in on the Thursday or Friday morning.

Term Dates 2018-2019

The term dates for next year are displayed on the school website.



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Wellbeing

At a time when stress in schools is on the rise, the results of a new [study](#) hammer home what others have shown: that yoga in schools may be a great benefit to kids' mental health. The results add to an already-convincing body of evidence, showing the range of benefits that yoga and meditation can confer on kids' psychological development.

Kids who were given the yoga and mindfulness intervention improved in a couple of important measures, including psychosocial and emotional quality of life.

"The intervention improved psychosocial and emotional quality of life scores for students, as compared to their peers who received standard care," said study author Alessandra Bazzano in a statement.

Wellbeing is very important to us. We hold various classes and offer clubs which give the children an opportunity to take part in different activities that enhance their wellbeing in school. We have various visiting professionals each week to take lessons for every class focussing on activity. These are:

Laurence Clark— PE lesson every Tuesday for each class.

Laura Avery—Yoga on a Thursday

Nathan Ault—Football and Multi-Sports Club

Daily Mile—As you will know, each day we participate in the 'Daily Mile' initiative. Studies have proven that walking a mile each day leads to a significant improvement in a child's health. You may have seen recent articles about a school in Scotland called St Ninians who have introduced a whole school run called the daily mile. They have seen transformative results amongst their children and it has been so successful that many other schools across Great Britain have also started this initiative. It involves 15 minutes at the beginning of the school day where the children are encouraged to run, or initially walk, one mile.

As well as the obvious benefits to fitness levels amongst the children (and teachers) there have been other benefits too, research has linked movement with developing cognitive skills and raising attainment.

To read more about the benefits please follow the link to the article on the BBC website. [Daily Mile](#)

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools whose parent(s) receive one of the qualifying benefits. The funding is paid to school and is spent directly on the individual child. It can be used for support in school, for afterschool clubs, Wasp, school trips and uniform so please check the letter sent with this newsletter to see if you are eligible and sign up straight away so that your child will benefit from this.



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One Can Trust - Foodbank Serving High Wycombe and South bucks

A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated to this foodbank for their Summer Hunger programme. We were very grateful to receive so many items that we gave to this worthy cause. They have asked us to pass on their thanks to you.



Our Learning Warriors this last month are:

Reception: Alice Talbot, Elliott Philpott.

Year 1: Dominic Tibbatts, Ellie Abbott.

Year 2: Ollie Fitton, Izzy Usherwood.



With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy McNeil'.

Lucy McNeil