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### **Newsletter – September 2011**

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year 2011 – 2012 . As 2012 is the London Olympics we shall be looking to having an Olympic Day in Term 6. If you have any ideas or would like to see something in particular happening please let me know.

**New 'Term Cards'** for your purse or wallet. We are trialling these this year - any feedback will be appreciated.

#### **School Uniform**

**Thank you** to all those parents who have ensured that their children are in appropriate school uniform.

All children should be wearing school uniform including black school shoes. These should not have heels or be trainers. Boots are not part of the uniform and should only be worn outside for travelling to and from school.

PE kit, including daps or trainers, should be in school each day as this is an essential part of the curriculum. For indoor PE children must wear shorts and a T shirt .Three quarter trousers and joggers are not safe for the children to wear for gymnastics. During colder weather children will need joggers and a top to keep them warm for outdoor PE.

Jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of stud or small hooped earrings in pierced ears. If your child has their ears pierced then the earrings must either be taken out for PE or taped over. This is a Health and Safety requirement.

In our experience children who do not wear uniform feel different and often act differently, their perception of themselves is quite often affected in a detrimental way.

A reminder of the uniform is on the school website or information can be collected from the school office.

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## **School Meals**

These are still very good value for money at £1.95 per day. This includes a choice of 4 hot or cold meals including a dessert. Fruit is always available plus water to drink.

School meals need to be ordered in advance – please collect a form from the office.

## **Snacks**

Healthy snacks are encouraged for all children. Children in Reception Year 1 and 2 receive free fruit or veg each day under a Government scheme.

Crisps and chocolate are not acceptable as snacks. Please ensure your child has some fruit, veg or plain biscuits to eat at breaktime if you would like them to have a snack.

Our school Healthy Eating Policy is available on the school website.

No nuts of any kind are to be given as snacks or in lunchboxes as we have some children who are highly allergic to them.

## **Swimming**

Children in Years 2,3 and 4 will swim in Terms 1 and 4 this year. It is a curriculum requirement that children are given the opportunity to swim 25m as a basic standard before they finish primary school.

## **Help Needed !**

Do any parents or grandparents have a few hours spare time to preserve the wooden fence around the pond and the sensory garden ? I have the brushes and the paint !

Also we are looking to replace the bark in the Reception play area with rubber chippings which are safer and much cleaner! However we need some people to help clear out the old bark and then replace with rubber chippings !!

**Please let me know if you can help. Volunteer labour will mean that we can spend the school budget on providing extra equipment.**

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### **Dates for your Diary, Home School Agreement , Permission Slips**

Copies of these accompany this letter. Dates for PTA events will follow. Please sign the slips attached and return to school to say you have received them and that you agree with the principles stated.

The Government is trying to reduce bureaucracy and have asked schools to gain permission, from parents, for local walks etc just once every academic year. Whole day trips will still require a permission slip to be signed separately.

It is essential we have these so please return asap.

### **Text Service**

We belong to a texting service so that we can contact parents with information, reminders and messages eg if a club is cancelled

If you do not want us to contact you via this service please let the office know in writing.

If you already belong to this service and you have changed your mobile number please let us know.

### **Curriculum Evenings for Parents (see Dates for Diary)**

This year we have a selection of workshops for parents. These are aimed at providing knowledge which will help you to help your child. There will be explanations of methods used in school and a chance for you to ask questions. Please make every effort to attend.



## **Clubs**

A variety of clubs will be on offer this term. If your child would like to attend please return the slip below so that we can allocate spaces.

Monday	Chess Gardening ( lunchtime) Gymnastics (there is a charge for this club / starts 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept) The Listening Ear – (drop in at lunchtime)	Mrs Acres Mrs Christopherson Jackie Bardwell  Kara Nicholas PSA
Tuesday	Lego Tag Rugby – KS2 Kwik Stiks ( Hockey)	Mrs Webster Mr Webb Mrs Taylor
Wednesday	Dance ( there is a charge for this club / starts 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept.) Football – KS2	Miss Kelly  Mr Suter
Thursday	Netball – KS2 Art Club KS1 Choir – KS2	Mrs Lee Mrs Jaynes/ Mrs Kingdon Mrs Walklett
Friday	Film Club	Dates and films to be announced £1 per child

Please collect a form from the school office for Gymnastics and Dance Clubs.

All clubs run from 3.00 – 4.00 unless stated otherwise.

I would like my child..... Year Group .....

to attend ..... club.

Signed ..... Parent / Guardian



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