



Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you to all those who attended the meet the teacher sessions last week - we hope you found them useful. If you did not attend please find enclosed the hand out for your class and the year group expectations for your child. Class teachers will be publishing their termly plans on the website and it is really important that you work with us to support your child's learning when they are not at school.

We have also enclosed your data sheet to check and return by the end of this week (if you have not returned your data sheet from Friday please do so by the end of this week) – thank you.

IT IS VITAL we have at least TWO active phone numbers to be able to reach you in an emergency - please keep us updated right away if you change your numbers.

Other information given on the day was that we have started the 'Run a Mile' challenge everyday where every child will be engaged in either running or walking for 10 minutes a day. Class 1 + 2 will take part at 1.05pm and Class 3+4 will take place at 12 noon - it's going well so far!

Safety of traffic inside school and on the roadside

Can I remind you NOT to park on the roadside verges outside and opposite school as we need to ensure you and your child's safety when coming on and off the also ask you to read the parent handbook concerning parking on the school site.

School Meals and Free school Meals

- **All children in Class 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals** which means that up to the age of 7 you do not have to pay for a school dinner.
- We talked about the great value of our school meals for our Class 3 and 4 pupils as we have noticed that some parents of children on packed lunches are spending much more than £2.30 on the daily contents of their child's lunch box – which seems a great shame when Michelle's lunches are superb.
- We also covered registering **for Free School Meals WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM THE UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS and can be applied for via Cheshire East Website as soon as your child starts school - if your family income falls into the appropriate bracket** (see the Parent's Handbook)

This brings income into the school which allows us to employ our additional teaching assistants to support the child's learning as well as reduce the cost of school visits and residential trips they attend.

PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU FEEL YOU MAY QUALIFY – This can be done by calling 0300 1235012 or visit https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

Remembrance Weekend 9th - 11th November 2018 - 100 years since the end of the First World War

We have a very special weekend coming up and we would like you to be part of it ... We have a concert by the Bridgewater Singers on Friday 9th November entitled songs of Conflict and of Peace and some of our older children will be involved sharing poems and readings – Tickets will be £5 for adults incl. a glass of wine and 'nibbles'.

On the Sunday evening we have been asked by Dunham Massey estate to take part in their celebration culminating in the lighting of a beacon ... we are thinking of a lantern parade ... possibly bell ringers and a song but all this needs to be confirmed with the team at Dunham but we will be there doing something so put it in your diary.

We would also like you to get involved in making knitted/crochet/ fabric poppies about 10cm in diameter which we will attach to netting to make our own weeping wall of poppies in remembrance to mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of the first world war. If you could help us or know someone who could, please let us know.

Kenyan Teachers

I am delighted to say that we have secured a visit for two teachers from our partner school, Ndege Primary School in Njoro, Kenya. We have had the funds from donations and fundraising but been unable to get the visit organised and sanctioned until this year. The teachers will be working with us from Monday 12th November until Tuesday 20th November – it will be lovely to have them with us and a super first-hand experience for our pupils to be working with them. We will provide opportunities for you to meet them during their visit so you can find out more about our work with them and their life as teachers in Kenya.

School Uniform

Please can I remind you that we expect the children to wear a logoed Polo shirt/ sweat shirt /cardigan/PE T shirt – if you haven't yet received your order, temporary non logo ones can be used until the order is received.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHINGit is really hard for us to reunite children with lost uniform if it is nameless.

Year 6 parents evening – preparing for SATs

The expectations for SATs at Y6 are very demanding and we feel it is important that you as parents know what is going to be expected of your children and of how we can work together to effectively support them over this important year. Miss Millet, Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Schilling are running an evening for ALL parents of Y6 pupils on Wednesday 26th September 6.00pm

Reminder – Payments

Please remember when paying for your child's meal that the price has increased to £2.30 per day - £11.50 per week. As always lunch payments can be made via Cheshire East epayments system. **School meals should be paid in advance.**

When sending payments for lunch, trips, Thingamajigs into school these MUST be posted in the payments box in reception and be clearly labelled with; child's name, amount, and what it is for. We cannot accept responsibility for loose money sent in with your child.

Mr & Mrs Davidson

Mrs Davidson, formerly Miss Lawrence, and her husband would like to say thank you to all who donated and sent their congratulations for their wedding. They were overwhelmed by the support of parents and staff.

Guitar Lessons Mr Gambling – KS2

There are a few spaces available for any children wishing to start guitar lessons with Mr Gambling. This usually costs £50-60 per term payment and is non refundable if your child stops attending. Places will be filled on a "first come first served" basis. If your child would like to start lessons please return the slips attached below.

Gymnastics Club – KS2 – 3.30-4.30

Gymnastics club starts tomorrow for 6 weeks and is £3 per week. If your child is attending please return the permission slip below along with the payment of £18.00.

Tuesday After School Club 3.30-4.15

Our Tuesday, teacher led, after school clubs will be starting again next week. There will be limited spaces so if your child would like to attend please return the permission slip below as soon as possible. The options this half term are:

KS1 – Class 1 & 2 – Lego with Mrs Hayward

KS2 – Class 3 & 4 – Basketball with Mr Olver

There will also be a colouring/play-doh club on Wednesday lunchtimes which is open to all children.

Gymnastics Club - KS2 - 3.30-4.30

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the gymnastics club after school on Thursdays.

I enclose £18.00 for 6 weeks lessons []

I will pay £3 weekly []

Signed: _____

Teacher Led Tuesday After School Club 3.30-4.15

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to stay after school on Tuesday to attend:

Lego Club – **KS1 only** [] Basketball Club – **KS2 only** []

Signed: _____

Wednesday Lunchtime Club

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

My child would like to take part in the Wednesday lunchtime colouring/play-doh club.

Signed: _____

Guitar with Mr Gambling - KS2

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

My child would like to start guitar lessons with Mr Gambling and I am happy to pay for the lessons.

Signed: _____