

NEWSLETTER

9th September 2011

Welcome back

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year. I hope that you all had a good summer, even if the weather was not too good. Looking back at the newsletter of the first week last year, I wrote something similar about the British weather in that newsletter too! Maybe next year will be a warm summer!

I would like to welcome the all of the children and families who started at our school this week. The new children in reception have settled in very well (see back of newsletter).

Staffing

We welcome some new staff to the school. Miss Faye Xidakis and Miss Debbie Barnes are working in Key Stage 1 and Miss Anna Houghton in Key Stage 2. I am also pleased to welcome Miss Collins back from her secondment. Mrs Ward has also returned to a Teaching Assistant role at the school. During the holidays, Miss Brocklehurst got married and is now Mrs Watkinson. The School Choir sang at the wedding ceremony and Mrs Watkinson has asked me to pass on her thanks to all of the children and parents who gave up their time to join her on her special day.

Attendance

Parents will be aware that our school prides itself on high levels of attendance. Last year, we had a high number of pupils with very good/excellent levels of attendance and I would like to thank them and their parents for this. However, we had a larger than usual number of pupils with low attendance. This meant that the overall school level of attendance dropped to only slightly above national average. This year we will be rewarding classes and individuals who maintain high attendance rates. Also, the school is required to monitor, and is accountable for, the number of 'Persistent Absentees (PAs)'. The level at which the government classes a pupil as a PA is when attendance drops below 85% (previously the level had been 80%).

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies start next Friday (16th Sept). The first assembly will be for Reception and Key Stage 1 children with Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly being the following week. Assemblies begin at 2.40pm and parents/families are welcome to attend.

Diary Dates for the term

Important diary dates for the term, together with some key dates for the rest of the school year are being sent home with this letter. Every effort will be made to keep to these dates. However, should changes be required, we will give as much notice as possible.

P.T.A.

The A.G.M. will be held at The Turf & Feather, Glover Rd, Locking Stumps, on Thurs 15th September, starting at 7pm. All welcome.

School Clubs

The clubs for this term are below. Clubs run each week with the exception of the first and last week of term. Letters from club leaders will be sent home shortly.

Club	Y Gp(s)	Day	Time	Teacher
Football	4-6	Fri	3.20-4.20	Mr Donoghue Mr Hankey
Girls Football	4-6	Fri	3.20-4.20	Mr Donoghue
Choir	3-6	Wed	3.20-4.20	Mr Evans
Art	2-3	Mon	3.20-4.20	Mrs Watkinson
Netball	4-6	Mon	3.20-4.20	Mrs Evans/Miss Brown
Maths	5-6	Fri	3.20-4.20	Mrs Evans
Music	3-4	Tue	12.25-12.55	Mrs Stewart
Brass Band*	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc

Children's Corner

Happy Birthday

The following children have had birthdays in the holidays;

Sam Harper	~10	Liam Bassett	~10
Barry Clare	~10	Matthew Doyle	~10
Travis Lines-Rowlands	~10	Madison Doherty	~10
Carson Hudson	~ 9	Alisha Beasley	~ 9
Steven Barton	~ 9	Jolie Campbell	~ 9
Aimee Erlam	~ 8	Declan Houghton	~ 8
Taylor Wilson	~ 8	Aidan Himsley	~ 8
Sean Murray	~ 8	Jack Jobling	~ 8
Rhian Cooper-Tompson	~ 8	Luke Richardson	~ 7
Isabelle Whitford	~ 7	Bradley Hankey	~ 7
Thomas Dickenson	~ 7	Ella Haskell	~ 7
Aidan Brett	~ 6	Cerys Yule	~ 6
Taylor Robinson	~ 6	Ryan Hardman	~ 6
Charlotte Traynor	~ 6	Charlie Birds	~ 6
John-Joe Riley	~ 5	Amber Fishwick	~ 5
Alina Sudakova	~ 5	Leon Gaskell	~ 5
Kiera Metcalfe	~ 5	Estelle Fletcher	~ 5
Kyle McKendrick	~ 5	Alfie Murray	~ 5
Phoebe Erlam	~ 5	Ryan Paton	~ 4
Stevie-Lea Bellamy	~ 4	Braedon Greaves	~ 4
Albie Worrell-Shelley	~ 4		

Happy Birthday to you all ☺