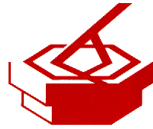




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Dear Parents and Children

We have all very much enjoyed the first full week back at school.

Nursery children have been a delight and have settled remarkably quickly. Here, I must commend the excellent work of the Nursery staff, together with your very positive approach to them starting.

In addition, Reception children have been into the hall for their lunch all week. Initially, this caused a 20 minute delay in getting back into school in the afternoon for the older children. However, as the week has gone by, the children are moving swiftly through and timings have settled back down quickly. I really must commend the efficiency of the mid-day staff in this respect.

BUT.....something that definitely needs to be addressed quickly is **the arrival time of the older children on the KS2 playground**. Some of the children are arriving at 8.30am! The games they are playing are boisterous and causing them to disagree amongst themselves. This means that they enter the school at 8.55am 'worked up!' Teachers are spending time trying to resolve their issues before the day has even begun. The impact of this on learning is considerable. In addition, school teachers pay and conditions stipulate that a teachers' day does not start until 10 minutes before the bell goes; therefore, staff are not on the playground until 8.45am, and never will be! Please, please ensure that you insist that the children **MUST NOT** be arriving at such an early time. Many thanks for your co-operation; we must ensure that the children arrive in school calm and ready to learn.

Parental Parking

On a second note of 'musts', I'm afraid that I have already been contacted by residents within Asbury Road. I have

received photographs of cars parked in such a way as to partially obstruct driveways. We have worked hard over the years to try to build strong relationships with local residents. Please park respectfully, bearing in mind that relationships are important and that children should not have to witness potential unpleasant confrontations between residents and parents over parking; such disagreements can get quite heated.

Dress Up, Favourite Authors Day - Wednesday 1st November



I have received a query regarding this event, so thought that clarification might be required. Children can dress as any one of their favourite authors, or they can dress up as any character from their favourite book. The link with Harry Potter is that it is 20 years this year since the first Harry Potter book was released. More information will come your way nearer the time.

Assemblies

Celebration assemblies began again today, and will continue through the year, as they have done previously.

Clubs



Clubs all re-start next week. However, as indicated in the letter that came home last Friday, registration for clubs needs to be

done on-line through our www.parenteveningsystem.co.uk. I have been checking the booking service regularly, and it is being very well used indeed. If your son/daughter would like to attend one of the clubs, then please be sure to sign them up on this system. In addition, if your son/daughter decides not to continue with a particular club, could you please remove their name from the system and let us know? This will help us when taking the register to be sure that we know where your children are. Many thanks indeed.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



The first ever Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their drink to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, it was repeated the following year, only this time nationally. Since then, Macmillan Coffee Morning has raised over £165.5 million for the charity. It is now the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. The charity asks people all over the UK to host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. Last year alone the charity raised £29.5 million. Please come along and join us in the Atrium on Friday 29th September, from 9.00am onwards.

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess



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Writers of the Week

Bethan A, 1H
Martha B, 1K

Charlie B, 1R
Ethan B, 1B
Jessica W, 2P

Eva C, 2K
Emily B, 2M
Joshua S, 2L

Maths Wizards

George T, 1H
Jeeah R, 1K
Stefan W, 1R

Harry T, 1B
Molly H, 2P
Harry P, 2K

Yijiang W, 2M
Jackson A, 2L

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Alfie G, 1H
Harli M, 1K
Alexandra B, 1R

Toby W, 1B
Harlie S, 2P
Rayan A, 2K

Macey C, 2M
Rosie R, 2L
Lewis C, 3C

Ben B, 3M
Andrew B, 3D
Amira E, 4A

George O, 4C
Lily P, 5B
Max M, 5M

Nikita J, 6P
Eloise A, 6W
Shelby B, 6J

Diary Dates

Key

	Class Assemblies/Performances etc
	INSET
	Parents'/Information evenings
	PTA
	Trips/visitors/dress-up days etc

Monday 18 th September	Year 6 Information Evening (18.00)
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 2 Information Evening (17.30)
Friday 22 nd September	4A Class Assembly
Monday 25 th September	Maths Curriculum Evening for parents (time tbc)
Tuesday 26 th September	EYFS Information Evening (1800)
Thursday 28 th September	Y5 to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
	4C Class Assembly
Monday 2 nd October	Poetry/Storytelling Week
	Dinosaur Man to Y3
Tuesday 3 rd October	Dinosaur Man to Y3
Wednesday 4 th October	PTA (19.00)
	Nick Barker to visit Year 5/6
Friday 6 th October	4W Class Assembly
	PTA Chairs' Quiz (19.30)
	Slip into Slippers
	BOOKS AND TARGETS HOME
Monday 9 th October	Individual & family photographs
	Reception Hearing Tests
Tuesday 10 th October	Y4 Egyptian Day (hall in use)
	EYFS Further Curriculum Information Evening (Nursery 18.00 Reception 18.30)
Wednesday 11 th October	Travelling Book Fair (until the 18 th)
	Individual & family photographs for Nursery (Wed-Fri only)
Friday 13 th October	5B Class Assembly
	Dads' Scalextric (19.30)
Monday 16 th October	PARENTS' EVENING
Tuesday 17 th October	PARENTS' EVENING
Friday 20 th October	5M Class Assembly
	Non-uniform for PTA - chocolate donations
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