



11th January 2019

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a good Christmas. Thank you so much for all the cards and presents that were given to staff – we really don't expect it, but it was lovely to be able to munch on some tasty biscuits and chocolates in the staffroom before we broke up. We are now all trying to be 'good' at playtimes after a great treat. One or two of us received a gift which had no name attached to it, so we are not sure who to thank. If this was you, please accept this as our 'thank you'.

The children have returned to us rested and have settled well, ready for the new term. The spring term is the one in which we usually see the greatest progress of the academic year being made, so it is a very exciting time for us all.

Please work with us to maximise your child's chances of making great progress all-round by ensuring that they arrive at school in good time. Doors open at **8.45am** and the register is taken at 8.55am. A calm, settled start helps all children to approach their learning with a clear mind.

Morning Drop Off

Staff will continue to be on duty daily from **8.35am**, should you wish to drop your child at the gate. We would appreciate as many families doing this as possible as it really helps the congestion outside school. One member of staff will be on the gate to welcome children and ensure they go up the path to the playground, the other will remain on the playground to supervise them until the doors open, when they will ensure your child walks safely into school.

Change for Life Booklet

A booklet full of 'Sugar Smart' activities and information will be coming home with every child today. Please take time to look through it with your child. It includes a game and some great stickers too. Together, we can help educate our children about how much sugar is 'hidden' in their food, so they can grow up informed.

The maximum daily amount of sugar intake for children is:

4 - 6years – 5 cubes or 19g

7-10 years – 6 cubes or 24g

From 11 years up – 7 cubes or 30g

School Lunches – Important Message

Please remember that from now on, you absolutely must order your child's school lunches on a Monday morning **for the whole week** or better still, order on a Friday for the week to come (in person or by phone). **We are no longer able to order on a daily basis or change your order throughout the week if your child changes their mind.** This is because of the way the kitchens provide their services to the local schools.

Please make sure that if you haven't ordered a lunch, you send a packed lunch in with your child. We are currently working on ways we may be able to put ordering

school lunches online with the facility for online payments. Until we have this sorted, if you want to pay for lunches in advance for the half-term please see Mrs Burrows.

Thank you.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Accompanying this newsletter (or on a separate email) is some information about the Pupil Premium Fund which is available for families who are in receipt of certain benefits and is paid to the school by government for the benefit of that child. **Even if your child already receives free meals due to their age (YR, Y1 & Y2 get free meals), they could be getting extra money at school for us to use to help them make the best possible progress.** Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete the form we have emailed and return it to us.

DIARY DATES

January

Thurs 3rd – School re-opens for new spring term

February Half-term – school is closed from Monday Feb 18th-Friday 22nd February

Tues 5th – Safer Internet Day

Mon 25th – School re-opens

March

Tues 5th – Parent/Carer consultations

Weds 6th – Parent/Carer consultations

Thurs 7th – World Book Day

Fri 15th – Red Nose Day

April

Fri 5th – Break up for Easter

Tues 23rd – School re-opens for summer term

May

The month of May is KS1 teacher assessment and SATS for Y2

Week of 13th – 17th is KS2 Y6 SATs week