



21st April 2017

Welcome!

On Tuesday 25th April, our new teaching assistant, Mrs Sarah Clarke will be starting work in Ruby Class. Mrs Clarke has been working as a TA in another local school previously and is very excited about her new full time role here. She will also be a lunchtime supervisor. We look forward to working with her and hope that she is very happy here.

Super Science Day

On Wednesday 17th May, all classes will devote their curriculum to a Science Day, based on Forces. There will be a particular focus on airborne 'vehicles', such as rockets, parachutes, aeroplanes and helicopters. We would like to use as many recycled products as possible and would be most grateful if you would collect and send in the following clean items, please:

- 500 ml plastic bottles (clear, i.e. to be see-through)
- Other small plastic bottles (e.g. Fruit Shoot)
- Pringles tubes
- Cardboard tubes from kitchen and toilet rolls
- Carrier bags
- Yogurt pots
- There will be a box near Mrs Burrows' desk for collection. Thank you.

Warmer Weather Clothing and Footwear

Now that we are in the summer term, some of you may be thinking about purchasing summer weight clothing and footwear for your children.

Although we do not have a set uniform, we do have rules about what we consider to be safe and practical things to wear to school.

We hope the following reminders will ensure that any school items you buy are suitable.

Tops - To protect vulnerable young skin from UVA/B damage, we insist that all children wear tops which have sleeves in them which cover their shoulders such as T-shirt style sleeves (the skin on shoulders is particularly at risk of sun damage). Vest tops or strappy tops are not allowed. We understand that some summer dresses are sleeveless but these are best left for home wear unless your child wears a cardigan or jumper over the dress or top whilst they are in school.

Shorts - These are absolutely fine and really popular but just to clarify, the high fashion short-shorts are not appropriate for school wear.

Footwear – please ensure that footwear is robust, grippy and strong so it can withstand vigorous play including running, kneeling, climbing, sliding (pirate ship adventures) and using equipment such as hoops and skipping ropes. Sandals must

protect feet during play. Flimsy sandals, slip-ons and flip-flop styles of footwear are not suitable as children can and do easily trip and toes get stubbed.

Hats – sun hats will be needed soon. Even duller days can have high UVA/B amounts and the children are outside at the peak time of day during lunch play.

We will be delivering sun safety education to all the children shortly.

Red Nose Day

We were so impressed to find that the children had raised a total of £134.80 for Comic Relief. Thank you to School Council for arranging this fun day and to you all for your support.

School Value

Our value this half-term is responsibility. We are sending a home-school values activity sheet home and will be thinking about this in collective worship (assembly) times as well as in classes. We will be looking out for children who demonstrate this quality when we choose children who deserve a special mention in our Friday celebrations.

Class Assemblies

This term, each class will be taking a class assembly which parents and carers will be invited to. The children will share some of the things they have been learning with you. As soon as we have confirmed dates, I will publish them for you.

Tennis Taster

All children had a tennis club taster session today with qualified coach Ben Humphreys. If your child would like to join this club on Tuesdays after school, letters will be coming home.

LOST! Red Waterproof Jacket

Please have a hunt and see if you have it after Horstead by mistake. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

April

Tues 18th – Return to school after Easter break

May

Mon 1st – School closed for Mayday Bank Holiday

Mon 8th – Y6 SATS Week

Weds 17th – Super Science Day

Half-term week Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

June

Monday 5th June – school opens for new half-term

Thurs 8th – Class photos

Sat 24th – Forncett Summer Fete

July

Fri 14th – FOFs & School Family Fun afternoon

Mon 17th – School disco party with James D & Fri 21st – Leavers' Service - Break up for summer hols