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## Newsletter 2– Term 1 2018-19

Value focus: Respect

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been very impressed with the positive start our new reception age children have made to school. They have seamlessly joined the Willow class line in the playground each morning and, for the most part, have come in happily ready for the day ahead (until 11.45am). This week will see them staying for lunches for the first time.

Well done to all the 'Year 6 buddies' who have supported their charges at the start of day and during playtime. We feel the new structure for induction is working very well. I will invite new parents in to school in due course to discuss the induction process so that we can evaluate and make any changes in advance of the next cohort.

In this letter, you will find items relating to various aspects of school, along with the 2018-19 calendar. Unfortunately, there were a couple of small errors in the original calendar sent out last week. These are now correct and are shown in yellow at the end of this letter.

Regards,

C. Hutton

### **Friends of School (FOS)**

The AGM was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The key committee roles are:

Chair- Sarah Godwin, Vice-chair- Jodie Mayhead, Secretary- Penny Finnegan and Treasurer- Rachel Allibone

A group of 12 or so other committee members will support them whilst others have pledged to be called upon as volunteers. A copy of the reports shared at the meeting are available on request.



**Next event:** Family Fun Day and Fun Run

**Date:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Time:** 1.00-5.00pm

**Location:** Middle Hill Farm, North Wraxall, SN14 7AF

Please support this event and help raise vital funds to support and enhance the education of all the children of Trinity.

### **School Council Elections**

Our new school councillors are:

**Year 2-** Evan & Indigo

**Year 3-** Ben & Ellie

**Year 4-** Naomi & Zane

**Year 5-** Poppy & Joe

**Year 6-** Poppy, Matilda & Zachary

### **Year 6 positions of responsibility**

At the start of each new school year, the staff allocate all of the Year 6 children a position of responsibility. The roles give each of the Year 6's opportunities to plan, organise and lead different aspects of school life.

#### **House Captains:**

**Blue-** Olivia & Zachary

**Yellow-** Ben & Jemma

**Red-** Isobel & Finley

**Green-** Matilda & Magnus

**School Ambassadors-** Harry & Amelie

**School Council Chair-** Phoebe

**School Council Secretary-** Lily

**Service Ambassadors-** Henry, Ben, Oscar & Rufus

**Sports Ambassadors-** Jonty, Jemima, Charlie, Sam, Poppy & Elena

## **Attendance and punctuality**

Below is summary of our attendance figures for 2017-18. Whilst we just achieved our attendance target of 95% when broken down, this figure was only reached in Year 3 and 6 (shown in green) meaning Year Reception, 1, 2, 4 and 5 had average attendance below 95% (shown in red).

<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Year R</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Attendance	93.57%	94.72%	94.84%	96.91%	94.66%	94.79%	96.48%	95.16%

Across the whole school there were 101 children whose attendance was above 95% with just 3 children achieving 100%.

This year our attendance target will be higher. Help us to achieve it by ensuring that your child attends school every day and not requesting holiday in term time. Below is an extract from a Department For Education guidance document for schools:

### **School Attendance**

Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

The government expects:

- Schools and local authorities to:
  - Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
  - Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled;and,
- act early to address patterns of absence.
- Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly.
- All pupils to be punctual to their lessons.



Linked to attendance is punctuality. We expect children to be here by 8.55am so that they may join their line in the playground. When children arrive after this time and have to enter through the front door, it is very disruptive. We understand that there are occasionally circumstances beyond anyone's control and that the parking situation can be difficult. That said, please make every effort to ensure your child is here on time. If you do not already, consider using the drop-off bay from 8.45-8.55am to eliminate the need to park.

Learning is disrupted when children are collected early for non-medical and non-urgent reasons too. The school expects children to be here from 8.55am-3.30pm unless there is an exceptional reason for them not to be.

### **Reminder**

A member of staff is on duty in the playground every morning from 8.45-8.55am. If you have a message for a teacher, please give it to the member of staff on duty who will record the message in the diary and relay it to the relevant person. If you require access to the building (for example, to check lost property), you will need to report to reception. Access through the playground doors is not permitted to anyone other than staff or pupils for safeguarding reasons.

### **Swimming**

Beech class will be going swimming from 24<sup>th</sup> – 28th September 2018. A separate letter has been sent home with Beech Class pupils.

### **Art/DT money**

In previous years, we have asked parents and carers for a voluntary contribution each year to help towards purchasing materials that enhance the provision for Art and Design Technology. Whilst we have not done this recently, we feel that we need to ask again for such a donation. If you would be happy to make a voluntary contribution - suggested amount £15 - please put it in an envelope marked 'Art/DT money' and post it in the silver box in the foyer.

Thank you in advance.

### **Online payment**

We are in the process of starting an online payment system. The system is 'SIMS Agora' and we hope to have it up and running soon. It will give parents and carers the option of paying for school meals, trips etc. online. More information will follow.

### **Communication**

We will be changing our provider for the text and email service at school. The new system called 'SIMS In Touch' will give parents and carers the facility to respond to texts and emails. This will eliminate the need for permission slips and other time consuming paper-based communication. It will however, mean that we will be using email in preference to text for the bulk of our communication.

### **Bonjour tout le monde!**

Would your child like to join our French club in September? We meet to learn French through songs, games, story-telling, drama, craft and fun activities. The club runs on Thursdays at lunchtime for KS2 and after school (3.30 - 4.15pm) for KS1 (Reception children can join in Term 3). We do have limited numbers so please register now if you are interested in reserving a place. Please email Anna-Kate on [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com) to reserve. A bientôt!

### **School kitchen**

Due to a shoulder injury, Mrs Giles is not currently at work although she hopes to return soon. We currently have Mrs Rogers as our temporary cook.

The cost of school meals for Key Stage 2 children is **£2.20** a day and **must be paid in advance**.

Term 1 is 7 weeks and 3 days long therefore, a school meal every day would equate to £83.60.

**Menu change-** On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the kitchen will be serving fish fingers and chips (the usual Friday menu).

Due to low uptake, the kitchen can no longer offer school packed lunches.

In November, a new menu will begin. We will send this out and publish it on the website once we receive it from the catering team.

### **Snacks**

Toast (10p) and fruit juice (30p) are available at morning break. Children may bring in a piece of fruit or a cereal bar (no nuts) from home. Items should not be taken out of lunchboxes as snacks. Children in Willow and Ash class also have a piece of fruit provided for afternoon playtime.

Often children like to bring in a treat for their friends when it is their birthday. Whilst this is not necessary or encouraged, if you choose to do this, please could you:

- ensure what you are sending in is individually wrapped,
- provide the correct number of items,
- consider a healthier option,
- not send in any items containing nuts.

## 2018-19 Dates for diaries

All dates below are correct at time of issue but are subject to change. When dates change, or new dates are added, these will be included in the following newsletter. To make them stand out we will use *italics*.

### **Term 1 Dates (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October)**

Date	Time	Class	Event
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>3-3:30pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	-	<b>All</b>	<b>School Council Elections</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>3:45-4:30pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Friends of School (FOS) AGM</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup>- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>1-3:30pm</b>	<b>Beech Class</b>	<b>Swimming at Yate Leisure Centre</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>1-5pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>FOS Fun Run and Family Day</b>
<i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Years 3 &amp; 4</i>	<i>Trip to Coleshill Estate – Second World War Secrets</i>
<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Years 5 &amp; 6</i>	<i>Trip to Coleshill Estate – Second World War Secrets</i>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9-10:30am</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Individual Photos</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>9-10:30am</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

### **Term 2 Dates (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December)**

Date	Time	Class	Event
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10:30-11:30am</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>2:30-6pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>4-6:30pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>1-3:30pm</b>	<b>Elm / Oak / Beech</b>	<b>KS2 Young Shakespeare Company</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9:30-1:30pm</b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Life skills trip (Create Skills Centre, Bristol)</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9:15-9:45am</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Beech Class Service</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2:30-3:30pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Nativity dress rehearsal</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2:30-3:30pm</b>	<b>Willow / Ash</b>	<b>Nativity</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2:30-3:30pm</b>	<b>Willow / Ash</b>	<b>Nativity</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1-3:30pm</b>	<b>Willow / Ash</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Party</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1-3:30pm</b>	<b>Elm / Oak / Beech</b>	<b>KS2 Christmas Party</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>12-1pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1:30-3:30</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Sing-a-long and Pantomime</b>

### **Term 3 Dates (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February)**

Date	Time	Class	Event
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup>- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>1:30-3:30pm</b>	<b>Oak</b>	<b>Swimming at Yate Leisure Centre</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup>- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>1-3:30pm</b>	<b>Elm</b>	<b>Swimming at Yate Leisure Centre</b>

### Term 4 Dates (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	All	INSET DAY
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	4-6.30pm	All	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2:30-6pm	All	Parents Evening
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9:15-9:45am</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Oak Class Service</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	1-3:30pm	All	Easter Egg Hunt

### Term 5 Dates (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May)

Date	Time	Class	Event
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>All day</b>		<b>INSET day – school closed</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	All day		SATs week

### Term 6 Dates (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Year 1 children	Phonics Screening
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June TBC	All day	Years 5 & 6	Residential trip; Isle of Wight (Activity Island)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June TBC	-	Years 3 & 4	Activity days
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30-3:30pm	All	Sports Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30-3:30pm	All	Sports Day (Reserve date)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Year 3-6	School Production at Sheldon
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	-	All	Reports issued
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day	All	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	All day	All	INSET DAY

### Term dates 2018-19

Term	Starts	Ends	INSET Days 2018-19 (school closed to children):
Term 1	Monday 3 September 2018	Friday 26 October 2018	Monday 3 September & Friday 26th October 2018
Term 2	Monday 5 November 2018	Friday 21 December 2018	
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2019	Friday 15 February 2019	
Term 4	Monday 25 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019	Monday 25th February 2019
Term 5	Tuesday 23 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019	
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2019	Tuesday 23 July 2019	Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

