



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Whether you are a parent with a child returning to school this academic year or a new parent with a child starting in Reception let me offer you all a warm welcome. I do hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are now set for the term ahead. There is no doubt that the children are. Everyone has returned to school with a spring in their step in what has been a very positive first week.

We had a wonderful time on Friday celebrating our 160th anniversary. The morning began with the children invited to a typical Victorian assembly before participating in 'drill' on the playground. Throughout the day the staff recreated lessons from the Victorian era as well as lessons from other significant periods in our school's history. While some dived under desks when air raid sirens were heard, others imagined what lessons might be like in another 160 years. After our celebratory assembly at the end of the day, we enjoyed sharing birthday cake. I do hope you managed to try a slice.

As is the case every year, as a whole school we have also been busy this week determining our 'School Charter' for the year ahead. This followed a safety walk around the site establishing boundaries and thinking about rules which will ensure everyone's safety and happiness over the next twelve months. Our Year 6 pupils are currently drawing everyone's ideas together before publishing the charter.

As is inevitable at the beginning of the new year, some things are a little different so to help you get to grips with changes including those related to your child's timetable, you are invited to come along to 'Meet the Teacher' meetings scheduled for next week. As well as getting to know your child's class teacher(s) you will get an insight into what areas of the curriculum your child will be covering over the coming months. For those of you with children in Years 1-6, meetings will begin at 3.30 in your child's classroom according to the following timetable: Monday Yr.2 & Yr.3, Tuesday Yr.5, Wednesday Yr.1, Thursday Yr.4, and Friday Yr.6. During these sessions your child will be supervised by staff on site. Mrs Anne Brown will be meeting those of you with children in Reception Class on an individual basis; do sign up for a slot. She will also be issuing her own newsletter on a weekly basis.

Since last year, your circumstances and matters related to your child may have changed. In order to ensure the records we hold are current, Information Collection forms will be sent out on Monday. Please do ensure you complete these by Friday and return them to the school office. It is essential that matters related to your child, in particular medical information, is up to date. On this note, several of our children are severely intolerant to nuts. Therefore please do check carefully that you are not sending your child to school with snacks or products in their packed lunch that have nuts or traces of nut. Healthy snacks at break time, especially fruit are permitted. Our no-nut policy also extends to treats, notably chocolate selection tins that you may send in with your child on their birthday to share with class mates. Please can I ask you to be especially vigilant on this matter?

Another safeguarding matter relates to the end of the day. If your child is older and you are happy for them to walk or cycle home from school on their own, we do require written notification of this. Please drop a letter in to your child's teacher or email the office even if you did so last year.

For those of you needing to drive to and from school, can I urge you to avoid driving along School Lane if at all possible? Parking in the village and walking the last part of the journey would help to ease congestion. If you do have to drive let me remind you of the one way system we try to operate designed to improve the flow of traffic. Enter the lane via the High Street end and exit onto Sutton Road. If you do need to park, please do so considerably avoiding junctions and alighting pavements so that those with buggies can pass safely without having to step out onto the road. I would also ask that you are considerate to our neighbours and other road users to help us avoid conflict.

Some clubs have already started with others scheduled to begin in the next fortnight. If you haven't already signed your child up to any of these and would like to do so, please liaise with our office staff. Spaces are limited.

Have a lovely weekend and I shall look forward to seeing you next week during 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

Anna Smith

MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

10th – 14th Sept – 'Meet the Teacher' meetings

11th Sep - Year 6 - Bucks CC Preparation Test (11+) am

13th Sep - Year 6 - Bucks CC Transfer Test (11+) am

13th Sept – Year 3 – Swimming sessions start

17th Sept – Rec –First School Photo (Maidenhead Advertiser)

18th Sept – NSPCC assembly and sponsored event

19th Sept – Individual school photos to be taken

21st Sep – All - PTA Children's School Disco

26th Sept – Yr.3 Road Safety presentation

27th Sept – Yr. 5 & 6 Netball Match (home)

28th Sept – MacMillan cake sale

2nd Oct – All - School Harvest Festival service at Holy Trinity Church – details to follow

2nd Oct – PTA – Cheese and Wine AGM (8pm)

7th Oct – Holy Trinity Church Sunday Service 10:30am – (children to wear school uniform)