



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. Mrs Anne Brown, our new Foundation Stage teacher, has been made to feel very welcome - thank you - and all the staff have enjoyed helping the children get back into school routines.

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.5, Tuesday Yr.3, Wednesday Yr.4, Thursday Yr.6, and Friday Yrs.1 & 2. 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.

One of the changes your child may have told you about is one related to our House Teams. To help even out the number of pupils in each House, this year we have created five new Houses each with a different name. They are Boveney (green), Hambleden (red), Temple (purple), Hurley (yellow) and Boulters (blue), all named after local locks. Do ask your child where they have been placed!

As is the case every year, as a whole school we have 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 new Year 6 pupils are currently drawing everyone's ideas together before publishing the charter.

Since last year, your circumstances and matters related to your child may have changed. In order to ensure the records we hold are current, Data Collection forms have been sent out. Please do ensure you complete these by Monday 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 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.

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.

Looking a little ahead, letters have been circulated about the M & M Travelling Theatre Company's visit to Holy Trinity at the end of September. Tickets for their production of 'The Hobbit' cost £1.00. Please send the money with the reply slip to the office as soon as you are able. Letters about us visiting Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 1st October for the village's festival of harvest have also gone out. I do hope some of the children will be available to come along. Please return reply slips to the office if your child would like to be part of the service.

Clubs start next week. 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

11th – 15th Sept – 'Meet the Teacher' meetings

12th Sep - Year 6 - Bucks CC Preparation Test (11+)

14th Sep - Year 6 - Bucks CC Transfer Test (11+)

14th Sept – Year 3 – Swimming sessions start

21st Sept – All - School Harvest Festival service at Holy Trinity Church – details to follow

22nd Sep – All - PTA Children's School Disco

25th-28th Sep – Year 6 – Bikeability Course

27th Sep – PTA AGM at 8pm

29th Sep – Yrs. 1-6 M & M Theatre Production of 'The Hobbit'

1st Oct – Holy Trinity Church Sunday Service – (children to wear school uniforms if coming along)