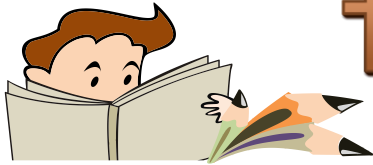


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December 2018

Dear friends and parents,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. Many thanks to all families who sent in cards, gifts and good wishes before the Christmas break. Your kindness and consideration of all the staff is greatly appreciated.



DIARY



January

- Monday 15th - Middle School & Primary admissions deadline.
- Monday 15th - Drama Club starts.
- Wednesday 24th - Yrs 1-4 visit to the New Vic Theatre - Treasure Island.
- Wednesday 24th - Nursery & Reception children Travelling Theatre Co performance in school. (Letter to follow).

February

- Tuesday 6th - Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 7th - Rec NHS Height & weight checks
- Monday 19th - Friday 23rd Half Term

March

- Thursday 1st - World Book Day
- Friday 9th - 9.30am Mothers day service in church.
- Tuesday 20th - Parents Evening
Yr1 & 2 2pm onwards
3.30 onwards R, 3 & 4

Attendance Policy

Starting in January 2018, we have a new attendance policy. The policy can be located on our school's website or a hard copy is available from the school office.



Changes in policy

If your child is late 10 or more times a Penalty Notice may be issued to you. Please be reminded that the start of the school day is 8.55am and the gate will be locked at this time, any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the school office.

Any period of unauthorised leave may result in parents receiving a penalty notice fine, head teachers will be the only persons able to authorise leave in term time but this will apply only in exceptional circumstances. Any unauthorised absence will be referred by the head teacher to the local authority.

In summary, if your child has had 10 days unauthorised absence or is late 10 times over a 12 week period, you may receive a penalty warning notice and also potentially a fine.

Vacancy Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor.

The position is for a Wednesday lunchtime 12noon to 1pm.

£7.83 - £8.09 per hour Term Time only. Please ask at the office for an application form.



Duties

Duties will include:

- Supervision of the pupils in the dining hall, playground areas and school premises, as required, including associated ancillary duties such as attending to minor injuries, ensuring that tables are clean etc.
- Ensuring the maintenance of good order and discipline.
- Encouraging good social skills, and taking a positive lead in organising games and activities e.g.: circle games, skipping rhymes, use of playground equipment.
- To carry out any other reasonable duty in connection with the supervision of children during the school lunch period as required by the School Office Manager/Headteacher.
- To work as part of a team.

Admissions September 2018

Letters were issued last term to parents of children due to start school or transfer to Middle School in September 2018. Please ensure you have completed your application on line, or sent in by post by 15th January 2018.



Lunchtime news

We have recently introduced a **VIP pass** at lunchtime which your children may have already told you about.

Each lunchtime one child will win a VIP pass that entitles them to go into lunch first the next day with a friend of their choice, and they also get a merit.

They can win this for showing impeccable manners, please and thank you's, lovely table manners, eating well or trying something new or maybe being a good friend whilst playing, the list goes on...

So far the children have responded so positively to this and it's been a joy to see them win their pass and wear it with pride.

We are now hoping to revamp the gazebo a little into a quieter space.

It has been recognised that whilst getting the children active at lunchtime is still our priority, some children at various stages also require a quieter space and this will be theirs at playtimes.

We also intend to promote it as a space that should children be looking for someone to play with, they can gather here and get together.

Children are also now welcome to bring in a 'Busy Book', this can be any A5 or A4 notebook or refill pad (can be bought for a few pounds in Tesco, Wilkos, B&M etc.) with their name on which they will leave in school in their tray. This will then be theirs to use at lunchtimes if they'd prefer to be sitting quietly and ideally they will then have one for rainy day playtimes.

This is of course an optional purchase and only if the children want to bring one in.

Exemplar Education Co

We have been approached by the Exemplar Education company to issue information about student services they offer. Although the school does not actively endorse this service we do feel you might want to know it is available.

As a bonus we also receive a cash donation for each reply received back, even if you are not interested in the services they offer. There will be an envelope distributed in your child's bag on Monday. We would appreciate it if you take a little time to look at this and return it completed to us no later than Thursday 18th January.

