

Newsletter - Term 1 September 2024

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back

Dear All

It has been a busy start to term already and probably the wettest we have had for some time! Please make sure that children have waterproof coats and footwear to keep them warm and dry!

The children have been enjoying the new playground structure—thanks to all of you for your donations through the various fundraising activities and in particular a BIG thank you to the fundraising committee for all their hard work putting these events together! We must also say thank you to David Rollock and WPA for their generous donation of £3,000 towards it too!

www.wpa.org.uk/about/supporting-good-causes

Please can I remind you to be mindful of where and how you park when dropping off or picking up children as we have had many complaints from parents about dangerous parking and near misses already this year! Also, please can you ensure your children are not riding bikes or scooters in the playground as this is a collision risk!

We have welcomed Miss Cowie, Mrs Prabu, Mrs Sreekumar and Ms Lui to the staff team this term.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events this term!

Mrs McMinn

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd October	Parents to school phonics morning
Friday 4th October	Harvest Festival
W/C 7th October	Parent Consultation meetings
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 2 Seasons walk
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 1 Seasons walk
Thursday 24th October	Spooktacular Disco
Friday 25th October	Flu Immunisations
Friday 25th October	End of Term 1
Monday 4th November	Start of Term 2
Thursday 28th November	Parent workshop—Online safety
Thursday 12th December	Parent workshop - how to support your child at home
Friday 20th December	End of Term 2
Monday 6th January	Start of Term 3

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this means that the school get additional funding to support these children academically and in other ways too.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please ask the school office for an application form if you think this applies to your family.

Harvest Festival

We are celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 4th October—there is still time to donate if you wish to, tinned goods and toiletries are really appreciated!

Parent meetings

Bookings for parent meetings are open from now until midnight on the 6th September. We have listened to feedback that you have missed seeing your children's work so we will be having an open classroom visit on Wednesday January 15th 2025 for years 1—6 after school. Further details will follow but please keep the date free!

Absences and Holidays

Please can you ensure that if your child is unwell that you inform the office directly by leaving a message on the dedicated absence line (option 1) or via email by 09:30am. You should provide the office with a daily update for each day your child is unable to attend school.

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time we would like to remind you that this will not be authorised and fixed penalty fines will be issued. It is important that if you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday or for any reason/length of time that you complete and return the appropriate form—this is required so we don't have to report your child as "missing from education". Can we also remind you of the importance of making appointments for after school as children leaving school early has the same impact as them arriving late!

The request for leave form is available in the main school office foyer or on the school website under the attendance tab.

Early Bird Club

Early Bird club runs from 7.45am to the start of the school day. The cost is £5 per session and the children are free to bring a snack—water will be provided.

If you wish to book your child onto the club please do so using the address below before 2pm on the previous school day, Payment will need to be made via ParentPay prior to attendance. If you have any difficulties or questions please contact the office.

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/epcollierwraparound>

