



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2014

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a very enjoyable break and has enabled us all to feel re-energised for a busy term ahead. You will see many exciting activities already planned on the dates list that goes out today.

The summer holiday was quite eventful for our school building and grounds. When we were not combatting flooding we were managing the aftermath of the school being hit by lightning. Many objects and systems connected to our phone line were destroyed.

I would like to thank many people who kept an eye on the school over the holiday period, popping down to check everything was alright, filling sandbags or mopping up. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Kimberley Lunn and her family who responded so quickly on the night of the lightning strike and organised many essential and emergency repairs.

As the clock turned past midnight on Sunday All Saints' and Burton Green formally became 'The Green Leek Federation', two schools working together in partnership for the benefit of each individual child in our care. I feel very excited by the possibilities and hope you do too.

Currently we are in the process of electing a parent governor from each school to sit on 'The Green Leek Federation Governing Body'. Nominations for this important and rewarding post should be received in the school office by 12pm on Monday 8th September. Please consider if you are able to support our school in this way.

I continue to share my time equally between the schools in a regular pattern. On Tuesdays and Fridays I will be in All Saints' throughout the day and on alternate Wednesdays I will also be in school here. I am out and about on the outside of school, before and after school whenever possible and am always contactable on email head3588@welearn365.com.

A particular welcome this week to Miss Sarah Langley, Mrs Kelly Lucking, Miss Judy Williams and Ms Julie Saunders who join our team to carry out a variety of multiple roles- teaching assistants, mid-day supervisory assistants and Breakfast Club Assistants.

Welcome also to Ana Hall, Tommy Alison and Daniel Hanna and their families who have joined us this week. We hope that they will all be very happy as part of our school community.

Newsletter Delivery.

The newsletter goes out every Friday. We try to publish before lunch so that you are aware if your child has any awards and wish to attend 'Achievement Assembly' at 2.45 on Friday. This week we are sending a paper copy of the newsletter to each family. Normally we send most newsletters by email.

Each week we do receive a number of no reply responses. If your copy does not come through each Friday please let us know so we can check we are sending to the correct/ preferred address.

Remembering the outbreak of war in 1914

We have begun the term with a special learning focus on remembering the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Children throughout the school have taken part in a wide range of different activities. A selection of their work will be displayed in the hall.

If you have a family member who was involved in the 1914-1918 war we would like to add them to our '**Remembrance Wall**' in the entrance hall. If you have a photograph please bring this along to be copied with the serviceman's name, regiment, link to your family and any significant memory you know. If you don't have a photograph hand in the information on a nicely written card.

Our next Super Learning day will be on 11th November when we will return to the theme of 'Remembrance' to extend our learning.

NEXT SATURDAY TREASURE HUNT

Trail, Picnic, Bar, Tuck Shop.

13th September 2.30pm
(Postponed from June)

The Treasure Hunt is a family event which was great fun last time we ran it.

Each team is given a series of clues that take them around the village, starting and finishing at school.

This year we are having a 'Bring Your Own Picnic' at school at the end. A bar and tuck shop will be available with the opportunity for games on the field. Tickets are now available priced at £5.00 per family. Please buy early in the week.

NEW TERM REMINDERS

Arrival at School

Arrangements for arrival at school continue as last year. The school doors open at 8.45 enabling a calmer, prompter start at 8.55. As the children have all moved into their next year group I hope that they will continue to show developing independence when entering school and organising their belongings. From Year 1 upwards children should be entering school independently. Teachers are more easily available for parents to see re any concerns at the end of the school day. I am available both in the morning and at the end of school on Tuesdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays. Mr Woodage is here to help you throughout the week.

We do begin teaching and learning sessions promptly at 9.00am throughout the school so please plan to arrive so that all of the children's belongings can be sorted by registration at 8.55.

Behaviour

Good behaviour underpins all aspects of individual progress and impacts on the progress made by others in the class. We have focused on expectations, within and outside the classroom this week, and are applying our expectations throughout the day. Your support, including signing homework diaries, is appreciated. Further information from class teachers and Mrs Patterson.

As you are aware we plan and deliver a full week of activities each night after school. These are provided by a range of people, some employees of the school, some outside providers. We expect that excellent behaviour continues beyond the school day in these activities and good behaviour is a condition of pupils accessing these opportunities.

Uniform

For Health and Safety reasons children should not wear jewellery in school. Where they have had ears pierced and earrings must be worn these should be studs rather than hoops. The children will be asked to remove these for PE. Where this is not possible they will be taped.

Shoes should be worn during the school day, trainers should not be worn.

Uniform can be ordered via the office using an order form. Please leave together with cheque and your order will then be processed by Mrs Sue Alsop and uniform then sent home with your child.

Loom band bracelets

A potentially serious health risk linked to these bands has been brought to my attention over the holiday. For this reason I would prefer it if these bracelets were not worn in school. More information on :

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/loom-band-charms-withdrawn-nationwide-after-testing-positive-for-cancerous-chemicals-9699968.html>

PE

*We would appreciate it if you could check with your children which days they do PE and ensure that their named PE kit is in school on that day- black shorts and a gold school T-shirt please. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring trainers (old and inexpensive) and a tracksuit (not fashion wear) when they are doing games **outside** in the **colder** weather.*

Painting Shirts

All of the children need a painting shirt/old T shirt to be kept in school.

Medication

Whilst we are willing to administer essential doses of prescription medicine, we would appreciate you only bringing over the counter medicine into school as a one off in an emergency. We did get inundated last term.

Children who require medication in school should bring these to the office. Parents should consult with Mrs Patterson or Mr Woodage re details for administration. Children in Key Stage 2 who need inhalers are encouraged to keep their own inhaler with them and self administer when required. Children who require inhalers in school should bring a spare inhaler to be kept in the classroom. If your child uses an inhaler at home we should have one in school please. Please ensure inhalers and EpiPens are in date Please contact Mrs Patterson to update us on your child's medical needs.

KS 2 Fruit at Breaktime

Fruit is available for children in Key Stage 2 @ 10p per day.

Water Bottles

*Having water readily available through the day is important for the children. Water bottles are available from the office priced £1.00. **Please do not send in alternatives as these spill and spoil children's work.** Filtered water is now available in school. Only water should be put in bottles for use during the day for health and safety reasons. Please encourage children to bring bottles home for washing!*

Home learning

Details of what is expected for each year group is being sent out in a leaflet form today. Following our INSET day and the increased expectations of the new curriculum 2014 which came into place on 1st September, we have made several changes. Most notably in spelling and the frequency with which we would like children to read.

Reading

We would appreciate it if you would encourage your child to read for a short time each evening. This is an important and essential aspect of their homework that impacts directly on their progress.

It is essential that the children bring their reading books back to school each day along with their reading diary.

Mathletics and Spellodrome

The use of Mathletics by many children has been particularly successful over the last two years . We have noticed that children who regularly access 'Mathletics Live' develop quicker and more confident

recall of essential basic skills and grow in confidence as mathematicians.

Spellodrome has been less widely used. We will be using this as one of the key strategies in school to develop spelling this year. Home access will effectively support learning in school.

A supervised Athletics and Spellodrome Club is available as part of our Breakfast Club each day.

PTFA have made valuable financial donations to enable us to fund home access. In order to sustain this we would appreciate a donation of £3.00 per child to enable us to continue to fund these resources.

A private, more limited, home purchase would cost £35.00 for Athletics alone. I would appreciate you returning the attached slip with a donation. Many thanks.

Disclosure and Barring Service (Previously known as CRB Checks) and Volunteer Driver forms

Volunteers are always welcome to help in classrooms, trips and activities. Everybody working in school must be DAB checked. If you are a new volunteer please see Mrs Hancocks for a form.

All parents offering lifts for trips including sports fixtures to children other than their own must complete a volunteer driver form.

Data Collection Forms

The contact information on these forms is crucial in an emergency - please return as soon as possible.

SCHOOL MEALS From September 2014 all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Free School Meals. Everything is in place for us to deliver hot meals to all these children, please just book your lunch each day. Dinners for children in Key Stage 2 will rise to £2.20. If you wish to pay until October half term please pay £85.80. Please send in on Mondays if paying weekly. Many thanks. If you were eligible for free school meals prior to September, or think that you would have been, it is important that you continue to register for meals for all your children. This registration not only provides the meal but also provides Pupil Premium funding for school.

Instrumental Tuition

If you requested instrumental tuition your child will be able to begin/ continue next week payment letters have been sent out.

ADMISSIONS 2015

I would like to invite parents of children who are due to start school in September 2015 to visit the school on our:

OPEN MORNINGS

Join Mrs Patterson on a guided tour around the school in a small group, with the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have.

17th September 2014

9.30am or 11.00am

19th November

9.30am or 11.00am

Please ring 01926 400498 to reserve your place.

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Next Valentines Day is Monday 8th September

Please bring your 20ps then

Sports Events

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Swimming Lessons

Swimming begins for Waller Class on Tuesday 9th September (letter sent home this week). Please make sure you have signed and returned the permission slip to allow your child to swim. As always we would be grateful for volunteers who have been police checked to help with supervising children.

Cross Country

The first race of the season takes place next Saturday 20th September at Southam College. A letter has gone out this week.

If any parents who are runners are able to help with cross country on Fridays after school Mrs Patterson would be delighted to hear from you.

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Young at Heart- Year 6 Trip to Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge.

The annual shared outing takes place on Friday, 26th September. Full details in letter that went out this week.

Please be aware of additional car parking on that Friday. Departure is at 7.30am return at 6.30pm.

All Saints' Extra

Contact Amy Garlick 07971598909 between 8am and 7pm daily.

Welcome to Ms Julie Saunders and Miss Sarah Langley who join our Early Risers team. With increased staffing we are now able to offer Athletics and Spellodrome as a regular activity.

All After School Early Risers and All Saints' Extra activities are now fully open. Recorders, Netball and Cross Country end at 4.15. Other clubs end at 4.30. For football, children will need football boots or appropriate trainers. It isn't wet at the moment. They should also have shin pads for all football coaching.

All Saints' Extra is now a well established part of our school life and offers a wide range of activities, certainly comparable with larger school and in my opinion much wider.

