



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2015

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.

A particular welcome this week to Mr Nick Rodriguez who joins us as the class teacher for Waller Class and to Mrs Sonal Sonecha joins our team as a teaching assistant and mid-day supervisory assistant.

Welcome also to Kate and Robert Harrison and their family 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.

READING IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOOTBALL!

Catch the reading habit!

It's good to have so many enthusiastic readers in school because developing your reading skills is really important.

Can you complete the challenge we've set?

Read for 14 days in a row, record your reading in your reading diary and get your parent to sign your diary.

Keep an eye on how your reading talents are growing and be

proud of yourself and support your friends.

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, prompt 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. Mrs Duxbury 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.

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 Mrs Duxbury 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 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.

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 Active Learn

The use of Mathletics by many children has been particularly successful 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.

The Active Learn Platform

We will be using this as one of the key strategies for spelling in school. Home access will effectively support learning in school.

A supervised Mathletics 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 Mathletics alone. I would appreciate you returning the attached slip with a donation. Many thanks.

Disclosure and Barring Service and Volunteer Driver forms

Volunteers are always welcome to help in classrooms, trips and activities. Everybody working in school must be DBS 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

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Free School Meals.

Dinners for children in Key Stage 2 will rise to £2.30. If you wish to pay until October half term please pay £78.20.

Please send in on Mondays if paying weekly. Many thanks.

If you were eligible for free school meals due to your circumstances 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 will be sent out next week.

ADMISSIONS 2016

I would like to invite parents of children who are due to start school in September 2016 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.

16th September 2015

9.30am or 11.00am

17th November

9.30am or 11.00am

Please ring 01926 400498 to reserve your place.

AKANY AVOKO.

Next Valentines Day is Monday 14 September

Please bring your 20ps then

Sports Events

Sport

Swimming Lessons

Swimming begins for Waller Class on Tuesday 15th 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 DBS to help with supervising children.

Cross Country

The first race of the season takes place next Saturday 26th September at Southam College. A letter to be sent out.

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.

Wise

Young at Heart- Year 6 Trip to Wells Cathedral and Glastonbury.

The annual shared outing takes place on Friday, 25th September. Full details in letter that went out before the summer holiday. Please be aware of additional car parking on that Friday. Departure is at 7.30am return at approximately 6.30pm.

All Saints' Extra

All After School Early Risers and All Saints' Extra activities are now fully open. All Clubs end at 4.30 pm, Chill Out ends at 5.15pm.

For football, children will need football boots or appropriate trainers. It isn't wet at the moment. They must 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.

Whilst we endeavour to give as much notice as possible if a club is cancelled sometimes circumstances beyond our control do occur. Children will be placed in an alternative club if possible unless you have indicated to Mrs Garlick that you do not wish this to happen.

Mrs Garlick is available by email on garlick.a@welearn365.com or via the school telephone number 01926 400498. She is not available on a mobile number.

Behaviour at out of hours activities.

At the beginning of the year we would like to reinforce our expectations of good behaviour beyond 3.15 in order to ensure that everybody who takes

part in activities has fun and that adults continue to want to deliver activities.

Each child has been given a behaviour contract which we would appreciate you talking to them about and signing. Poor behaviour will result in children not being able to take part in activities.

Booking and Payment

We continue to have ever increasing demand for Before and After School Activities. This means that places for all clubs need to be booked in advance and school notified if your child is not attending a club where they are expected.

Booking forms are always sent out half a term before the end of term to allow plenty of time for booking. If you know that you need an activity on a particular evening it is essential that you book a place immediately. We cannot guarantee places if you do not do this as we arrange staffing to certain adult-child ratios dependent on activities.

All places, whether they paid for or free **MUST** be booked in advance. If this has not happened children may need to come home.

Changing

We are encouraging children to change more carefully when taking part in after school clubs. Please support us, particularly on Fridays when there are lots of sports clubs. Please make sure your child has picked up all **their** clothes and taken them home. Football boots **must not** be worn in the school building.

P.T.F.A: Making a difference!!

Next meeting :

Steering Group 7.30 22nd September

Tuesday 13th October AGM 7.30, followed by an Assessment Evening to update you on national and school changes this year.

Use our Virtual Shop. www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Just go to the site and register, we are listed as All Saints Leek Wootton.

Further details available from kimberleylunn@yahoo.co.uk

Working Party Saturday 19th September 1.00pm.

Last year we had a very successful afternoon doing a range housekeeping jobs outside. This set us up for the year and was extremely useful and really appreciated.

The jobs include:

- Preparing and pruning in the Peace garden to get ready for our special 'stones' assembly;
- Harvesting produce;
- Clearing and digging over the raised beds, clearing the greenhouse, tidying up the gateways, cutting the front hedge. Please bring any appropriate tools you might have;
- Pruning fruit trees
- Replanting the tubs;
- Removing rubbish;
- Checking and cleaning the guttering around the building;

Children are welcome to play in the school grounds whilst we work. If you can help would you please complete the slip below, many thanks.

Dates

- Mon 14 Sept** Reception Children start part-time
- Tues 15 Sept** 9.00 Waller Swimming
- Wed 16 Sept** 9.30 & 11.00 Open Morning
- Sat 19 Sept** 1.00 Working Party

S Patterson, Head Teacher

Working Party Saturday 19th September 1.00pm

..... is able to help with jobs on Saturday. Preferred task.....



