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*We are a global community, learning and growing together.*

**Monday, 18 March 2019**

### Comic Relief

Thank you everyone that took part and supported Comic Relief. We will have another comic sale this Friday.

Dear Families,  
A busy week last week. We had an Adviser in to review our provision of writing as it is a focus on our School Development Plan. She was impressed with the work in the classrooms from the children and the teaching by staff. 27<sup>th</sup> March our Curriculum Event – this time we will be focusing on topic work. The event starts with an assembly and then you are welcome all around the school.

Last week Otters won the trophy. Well done!



#### Allergy Reminder

Please can I remind everyone we are a **nut and seed free school**. Please respect this for all events – cake sales, International Evening, Fete, birthday treats etc. Thank you. We have successfully managed this for 3 years as we have all worked together and I know we will continue to do so. Please remember that selection boxes of sweets often contain nuts.

#### Donations

Thank you for generous donations. The FSU are delighted they are able to purchase some new items for the unit. Thank you so much. The library donations will help with the running costs of the online system we use and having a librarian in school. The School Council suggested that next term donations could be used for more chrome books. They have been such a success in school.

#### Lateness and attendance

Thank you to families for speaking to me about lateness and taking the matter seriously. The office and class teachers really appreciate everyone being here on time.

# Our value is Courage

#### Family Collective Worship

On Wednesday, you are welcome to join us in the hall for Collective Worship.

**14<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 – what a joy, a musical version of Tutankhamun. So many facts learnt and words sung.**

**Thank you Year 3.**

20<sup>th</sup> March Year 1

27<sup>th</sup> March Curriculum Event – Topic This is an opportunity for you to attend the assembly and then visit all the classes and see topic work in action. The event will finish at 10.30am.

3<sup>rd</sup> April Year 2

#### Thursday Collective Worship

**Thursday Collective Worship is led by St Barnabas' Church**

21<sup>st</sup> March Lady Day

28<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> April Passions and Palms

#### Cake Sale at OUP

Thank you to Ester and her team of helpers and the wonderful families that sent in cakes. £200 was raised by the PTA at their cake sale at OUP who have kindly said they will let us have a cake sale once a month and it will raise valuable funds for the school.

#### Term Dates 2018-2019

Term 2 ends on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Half term ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

INSET day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

The second half of term 3 starts on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 ends on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm

#### 2019-2020

Term 1 starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Half term ends Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Term second half of term 1 begins Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

November the 4<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day

Term 1 ends on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

Term 2 starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Half term ends on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3 pm

The second half of term 2 starts on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Term 2 ends on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.30pm

Term 3 starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

The half term ends on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3 pm

The second half of term 3 starts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> is an INSET day.

The term ends on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 1.30pm

### School events

Parent Consultations – staff really appreciate families coming for these meetings and having the opportunity to discuss children's progress. Also it is a chance to celebrate successes and work together on areas that may need support.

### Hill End – Forest School

28<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 and Year 1

23<sup>rd</sup> May Year 3 and Year 1

11<sup>th</sup> July FSU – Reception and Year 1

We love having parent helpers so we thought we would let you know in advance when the trips to Hill End are taking place.

### School Information

Where to go in the mornings.

KS2 pupils enter via the outside classroom door.

KS1 children enter via the KS1 door which is located in the back playground with the wooden climbing frame.

Year 1 children enter and then go straight ahead – out the doors, down the steps in the courtyard and then turn right into the door that leads into Year 1.

Reception (F1) and Nursery children enter via Hart Street entrance.

If you have a KS1 and KS2 child, it is easier to drop the KS2 child off first and then go to KS1. If you have a Reception (F1)/Nursery child and KS1 child, you can come in via the Reception (F1)/Nursery class entrance and then take your child to KS1 and leave via the KS1 entrance.

### How can you help our lovely office staff?

**Send children in with water bottles** – don't drop them off during the day.

**Send children in with their packed lunch** – don't drop them off during the day.

**Sort out your child's end of day arrangements before they come to school** – don't ring the office and get the office to inform you child/children what is happening.

**Come in on time** – so the office staff do not need to deliver your child to class.

**Return permission slips promptly** – so office staff do not have to follow up.

**Send payments in a timely manner** – so the office staff do not need to send reminders.

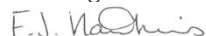
**Obviously in exceptional circumstances we understand but the office are being disturbed at least ten times a day with things they should not be doing.**

Thank you for your support.

**Please remember you can use the post box on the wall by the office to drop in any payments permissions etc.**

**THANK YOU**

Warm regards



Fiona Hawkins



### **HELP PREVENT LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY EMERGENCIES**

List of allergens in our school:

Kiwi

Peanuts

Sesame Seeds

Tree Nuts

Students come to school with diverse medical conditions, some serious and even life threatening, that can impact their learning and their health. Exposure to an allergen can create an emergency situation where the student faces life-threatening anaphylaxis within moments.

An allergic reaction begins when an allergen comes in to contact with the mucous membrane of a predisposed person. This can be by eating, inhaling, or by rubbing the mouth, nose, eyes, or a cut with traces of an allergen on their hands.

Currently there is no cure for food allergies and strict avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction. Protecting a person from exposure to offending allergens is the most important way to prevent life-threatening anaphylaxis. Avoidance of exposure to allergens is the key to preventing a reaction.

The risk of accidental exposure or cross-contamination is always present. Most anaphylactic reactions that occur in schools are due to food allergies. School is a high-risk setting for accidental contact with a food allergen, due to such factors as allergens in packed lunches or in food brought in for celebratory events, that could result in accidental ingestion or contamination of tables, desks, and other surfaces.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing vigilance of not bringing allergens in to school and for creating and maintaining a healthy, safe, and inclusive school.