

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD

Welcome Back!



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Tuesday 4 September 2018

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and we are very pleased to welcome the children back, ready for learning. We especially look forward to getting to know the children who are new to the school.

New Staff members

We would like to welcome Miss Fox, who will be teaching in year 6 and Miss Ward and Miss Pichardo, who will be Teaching Assistants in year 3 and 4.

Meet the Teacher Evening (TOMORROW) Year Group Assemblies and Parent Partners

Meet the Teacher Evening will be tomorrow - **Wednesday 5th September**. We would strongly encourage a parent for each child to attend (including Year 3) as there are new things to share, even since the Summer Term. Could we ask parents to fill in the sign in sheet on the night, so that we can ensure that the information has got to all families. Please see overleaf for times and year group assemblies/ Parent Partners. Year 4 and 5 assemblies will be next term as they have the Christmas play this term and year 3 parent partners will be next term too.

Parents on the playground

During this first week we are happy for Year 3 parents to stay on the playground with their children. However, from next week we would ask for all parents/carers to wait outside the gates and allow children to come in and wait on the large playground independently. Children are allowed on the large playground from 8.40am, when a member of staff will be outside on duty. If parents have any urgent information that cannot wait till the end of the day we would ask you to let the office know or wait to speak to the teachers (staff briefing meeting is from 8.45- 8.50am). We also use the playground and climbing apparatus after school for clubs so we would kindly remind parents not to wait on the school playground/field or use the apparatus after 3.40pm, so that we can ensure the safety of the children still in our care.

School Website

We would like to remind all parents about the wealth of information that is available on our school website, which we have tried to make as user-friendly for parents as possible. If you need to check a date or information please could you check here first before phoning to ask the office, as this will be a great help. All letters will continue to be added to the website at the end of each week, as well as dates added to the google calendar.

Snacks and packed lunches

Please remember that break time snacks should only be a plain biscuit or a piece of fruit. Please do not give your child cereal/fruit bars or other packaged items. Also as part of our 'Healthy School' award we would like packed lunches to provide a balanced meal including fruit and/or vegetables as part of the children's 'five-a-day'. **We would also like to stress that we have a number of children with severe nut and sesame allergies so would remind all parents to be vigilant in checking that nuts are not present in packed lunches e.g. peanut butter, nutty chocolate spread, nutty cereal bars etc.** We also don't have 'birthday sweets' in school. Additionally, a quick reminder to the new Year 3 parents that universal free school meals don't apply to junior school, therefore school dinners will now be charged for. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please do talk to the office, even if your child has packed lunches, as there are other financial reductions we can pass on to you that you may not be aware of.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - to start week beginning 17 September

The Extra Curricular Clubs will start in a couple of weeks. We would like every child to do at least one school club. We would like to remind parents that if your child signs up for a club, we do then expect them to attend every week for the term. If there is any reason that they choose not to start the club or that they are not attending for a session the school should be informed, so that we can ensure the safety of all children. Clubs run by outside agencies will not necessarily run to the same dates as school-run clubs so please read all paperwork carefully for dates and times, which we will send out as soon as we receive them.

If your child is in years 5 and 6 and you would like them to walk home after a club whilst it is still light, please drop a note to school so we can add it to your child's records. We would ask that all other children to be collected by an adult please. If a club has to be cancelled for any reason we try to give as much notice as possible. We will inform parents by text of cancelled clubs and ask that if it is before the club day that children are collected at the end of the school day. If a club has to be cancelled on the day of the club we will look after any child if a parent is unable to collect them earlier.

Finally, as the children all look so smart in their new uniforms please do ensure everything (including shoes and coats) is very clearly named so that all items find their way home to their owners.

DATES FOR THE FRIDGE

SEPT	EVENT	NOV	EVENT
Wed 5	Meet The Teacher Evening: Y3 -5.30-6pm Y4-6-6.30pm Y5 -6.30-7pm Y6- 7-7.30pm	THURS 8	Y3 Chiltern Air Museum
		Fri 9	Non-uniform day in exchange for children's tombola prize for Christmas Fair
		Wed 14	Late Consultation Evening
Mon 10	Instrumental lessons start	Thurs 15	Early Consultation Evening
Mon 17	School clubs start	Fri 16	Non-uniform day in exchange for adult's tombola prize Christmas Fair
Thurs 20	Y5 CHILL OUT day 6.30pm Y4 Bushcraft Meeting 7pm Y5 Kingswood Meeting	Tues 20	NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL (training)
		Sat 24	PTA Christmas Fair 12-4pm
Fri 21	Y3 CHILL OUT day	Wed 28	Y6 CHILL OUT morning
Thurs 27	Individual photo's	Thurs 29	Y3 Assembly to parents 9.10am
Fri 28	Y4 town trail PTA Movie Night		
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Thurs 4	House Cross Country Competition 2.30pm	Wed 12	Year 4 performance @ 7pm
Fri 5	Harvest Festival Assembly 10am	Fri 14	PTA festive cake sale
Mon 8	Y6 Bentley Priory visit	Mon 17	Open classrooms /teacher drop in 3-3.45pm
Thurs 11	SEN Review Meetings (not Y3)	Tues 18	Y6 Assembly to parents 9.10am
Tue 16	Y3 CHILL OUT morning	Wed 19	Year 5 performance 7pm
Fri 19	Y3 Cake Sale	Thurs 20	Christmas Lunch
Mon 22	Y5 trip to St Albans Museum	Fri 21	Term ends 1.20pm
Tues 23	Y6 CHILL OUT day	FUTURE DATES ADDED TO GOOGLE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE AS THEY ARISE.	
29 OCT-2 NOV	HALF TERM (secondary school application deadline)		