

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD

Welcome Back!



# HEADS UP



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Tuesday 3 September 2019

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 Jenkins, who will be teaching in year 4 and Mr Evans, who will be teaching in year 5 for one day and will be taking all classes at different points throughout the year.

## Mrs Pegg - SENCo

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Pegg has been unwell for the last year and has not been able to be in school. She was really hoping to be well enough to start back at school this September, but unfortunately this hasn't been possible. In light of this, we are in the process of advertising for a SENCo to work with us for the coming year. Meanwhile I will continue to cover the role of SENCo and if you have any concerns or questions the office will be able to arrange a meeting time with me.

## Meet the Teacher Evening (Wed 11 Sept) Year Group Assemblies and Parent Partners

Meet the Teacher Evening will be next week on **Wednesday 11 September**. We would strongly encourage a parent for each child to attend (including Year 3) as we have new information 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 until 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 3.30pm, 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' drive, 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 schools, 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 16 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 return the permission slip on the Clubs letter 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.

Ms Elbourne-Cload

### DATES FOR THE FRIDGE

SEPT	EVENT	NOV	EVENT
Mon 9	Instrumental lessons start	28 OCT-1 NOV	<b>HALF TERM</b> ( secondary school application deadline)
Tues 10	Y5 CHILL OUT DAY	TUES 5	Y6 CHILL OUT afternoon
Wed 11	Meet The Teacher Evening: Y3 -5.30-6pm Y4-6-6.30pm Y5 -6.30-7pm Y6- 7-7.30pm	WED 6	9-10 Y4 Parent Partners
		Thurs 7	Cross Country @Wheatfields
		Fri 8	Non-uniform day in exchange for children's tombola prize for Christmas Fair
		Mon 11	Reducing Single Use Plastics Week Y5 CHILL OUT morning Early Consultation Evening
Fri 13	Y6 CHILL OUT DAY	Wed 13	Late Consultation Evening
Mon 16	School clubs start	Fri 15	Non-uniform day in exchange for adult's tombola prize Christmas Fair
Thurs 19	Y5/6 Girls basketball Festival@ Herts Uni	Wed 20	Y3 Chiltern Open Air Museum
		Sat 23	PTA Christmas Fair 12-4pm
Fri 20	Y3 CHILL OUT day	Thurs 28	Y3 Assembly to parents 9.05am
Thurs 26	Cross Country@Colney Heath 5.30pm Y4 Bushcraft Meeting 6pm Y5 Kingswood Meeting 6.30pm Y6 Wales Meeting	<b>Fri 29</b>	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
		<b>DEC</b>	
		Sat 7	PTA @ panto (Sleeping Beauty)
Fri 27	Y4 town trail PTA Movie Night	Wed 11	Year 4 performance @ 7pm
<b>OCT</b>		Thurs 12	Y4 CHILL OUT morning
Fri 4	Y4 CHILL OUT day	Fri 13	PTA Cake Sale
Thurs 10	House Cross Country Competition 2pm	Tues 17	3.30-4pm Open Classrooms/teacher drop in
Fri 11	Harvest Festival Assembly 9.15am	Wed 18	Year 5 performance 7pm
Tues 15	Cross Country @ Fleetville	Thurs 19	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17	Y3 CHILL OUT morning Y6 Tag Rugby@Harpenden	Fri 20	Term ends 1.20pm
Fri 18	Y3 Bake Sale	<b>FUTURE DATES ADDED TO GOOGLE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE AS THEY ARISE.</b>	
Thurs 24	3.30 -5PM SEN REVIEW MEETINGS 6PM Y6 SATS meeting		