



Dear Parents / Carers

Class Masses

Starting in the New Year you will be receiving an RE newsletter which will inform you of your child's next Year group Mass. Year group masses will still happen every Thursday morning at 10am, unless the Church is booked for other services.

Grove Theatre

I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in the school choir who performed and sang beautifully at this year's Mayor's Celebration at Christmas at the Grove Theatre on Tuesday 27th November. It was a joy to watch them onstage and I was also very proud of their impeccable behaviour. So thank you choir and I look forward to hearing a lot more of your singing in the near future. Thank you also to Miss Regan, who worked incredibly hard to ensure the pupils were ready.

Class Assemblies

Each class will put on a Class Assembly for parents once a year. The Year 3 Assembly has already happened and Year 5's will take place on Friday 25th January at 9.05am. We will let you know about others in the near future. I look forward to seeing you at your child's next assembly.

Diya Art Workshop

On the Wednesday 9th January we have an exciting Diya Art workshop booked for all the pupils. The workshop will have sessions throughout the day which your child will be taking part in. There is no cost to parents as this will be fully funded by the school. The children will need to bring in an old shirt, which you won't mind getting messy.

The artwork that the children produce will be on display as an art exhibition on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th January for all to come and view the wonderful work they will have created.

Maths Workshop for Parents

On Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 3.45pm we are holding a Maths Workshop for parents. During this session we hope to provide parents with ideas and strategies that will allow you to support your child's maths at home. In order to cater for parents who have children in different year groups, the workshops will be repeated every 20 minutes at the following times so that you can attend more than one workshop:

- Workshop 1: 4.00
- Workshop 2: 4.20
- Workshop 3: 4.40

Each workshop will be held in the following classrooms:

- Reception classroom for Nursery and Reception classes
- Year 1 classroom for Years 1 and 2
- Year 3 classroom for Years 3 and 4
- Year 6 classroom for Years 5 and 6

Parent Forum / Questionnaire

On Thursday 10th January 2019 at 6pm I would like to hold a Parent Forum. This will be an opportunity for any parent to come along and celebrate the good things happening in our school and to raise any concerns. Next week I will send out a questionnaire. This will provide us with some valuable feedback that we can then consider and act upon. It will also generate some agenda items for the Parent Forum. Please take the time to fill in and return the questionnaire. Thank you.



Assessments

As we come to the end of our first term I would like to take this opportunity for teachers to report on your child's attainment and progress. In the last week of term your child will come home with a short report which will inform you of their current attainment band and also give you some areas where they have achieved and personalised targets set for next term in English and Maths. I hope you find these reports useful and I would welcome any feedback you have to offer.

Preparing for bad weather

It is very likely that over the coming months it is likely to snow. In preparations for this, can you please ensure that your child is well prepared when coming into school if it has snowed. The children often enjoy sometime outside when it snows. It is therefore important that all children have a suitable winter coat, and a change of wellington boots/boots so they can go outside in the snow during a playtime, if it is safe for them to do so. I am sending this out now as I would not want to disappoint any children by keeping them inside when their peers are outside enjoying the snow.

School closure

Now that winter is fast approaching we need to be prepared for unplanned closure of the school. In order to receive an e-mail alert via the Central Bedfordshire School's Open Status (SOS) system, you will need to register:

- Go to the following link and click on it:
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS>
- Click on 'register for updates' and fill in the text boxes
- Click on 'submit'



You will then receive an email which contains instructions on how to 'activate' your account which will include a 'one off' activation code:

- Click on the link: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/>
- Go to 'Log in to edit your details' and type in your email address and the activation code.
- The next time you want to edit your details (e.g. change the names of schools for which you wish to receive alerts), type in your email address and password.

In addition to this please ensure that we have your correct mobile number so that should we need to send a text and update the school app you will receive the message. Furthermore please note that the school website will be updated to indicate school status. If neither of these options are available to us due to a power cut or internet failure the closure message will be broadcast on HEART FM and Four Counties Radio.

Please do not call the school on the morning of a closure

Christmas Activities

Here is a reminder of the various Christmas activities planned for this term:

- Thursday 6th December, 2.30pm – Nursery & Reception Nativity.
- Tuesday 11th December, 2.30pm – KS1 Nativity.
- Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 13th December, 2.30pm – KS1 Nativity.
- Friday 14th December, 9.05am – YR-2 Celebration Assembly.
- Friday 14th December, 10.05am – Y3-6 Celebration Assembly.
- Thursday 20th December – Non-Uniform
- Thursday 20th December 10.00am – Mass Years 2 – 6
- Thursday 20th December, 2.00pm – Panto
- Friday 21st December, 1.30 – 2.15pm – Carol Service. **All children to be collected by 2.15pm**

On Friday 21st December there will not be an afternoon session for Nursery but we would like those children to attend the morning session if possible.

As you can see we have lots of activities taking place during the Christmas period and you should receive invitations to these via the School App. I look forward to seeing many of you during this time and please remember that the last day of school is Friday **21st December at 2.15pm.**

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong
Head Teacher

Friday 30th November 2018