



Newsletter September 2017

Welcome back everyone; I hope you have all had a nice summer.

Staffing

We wish to welcome Mrs Lidgard to the school who teaches Class M for 4 days a week, supported by Mrs File, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Evison with Mrs Moore teaching the other day. Mrs Gepp has returned to help us voluntarily one day a week, across the school.

The other classes have remained the same.

If you have any concerns about your child please direct them to the class teacher in the first instance.

Entering School

Many thanks to all parents for embracing our new entry system in the mornings. This seems to be working very well, children are becoming independent and there is less congestion in the cloakrooms. We would just ask you not to give messages about children to the staff on gate duty, please inform the office who will pass it on to the relevant teacher.

Star Value Collective Worship

Every Friday we have a School Value Collective Worship where children are awarded for their achievements during school time. We would like to invite parents of children receiving a star value award to join us in this special school celebration, you will be contacted by text on the Thursday afternoon. Although this is short notice, you will be very welcome to join us. If you have any questions please feel free to ask. Our Collective Worship starts at 9am and usually lasts about 20 minutes.

School Photos

The photographer is coming on Friday 6th October. All children will be individually photographed and all siblings in school will be photographed together. If you have younger children and would like them photographing, please let the office know. Please note we only photograph children and their younger siblings, not any other family members, thank you.

Earrings

These cannot be worn for swimming or PE and staff are not allowed to remove them. Please ensure that if your child has their ears pierced they are removed before they come to school on a day when they have any of these activities if they cannot remove them without assistance. It is much appreciated if ears are pierced at the beginning of the long summer holiday and they practise taking them out before they come back to school.

PE

Please be aware that **all** children need trainers in their PE kit as well as a pair of plimsolls. As the weather is already quite cool they also need a pair of joggers/ leggings and sweatshirt to do PE in. Children do PE outside as much as possible.

School Fruit

KS1 children are provided with free fruit for snack time as part of a government initiative. The school pays for fruit for KS2 so every child has a piece.

School Milk

Our school provides milk free of charge to children in Reception, for the whole of their Reception year. Parents can purchase a carton of milk for older children through the Cool Milk website:

www.coolmilk.com

Year 6 pupils

Information on the admission process for current year 6 pupils changing schools next year, was sent home last week. Please meet the deadlines listed on the information.

School Meals

If your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) but you do not wish to have the meals all the time, please login and cancel the ones you do not require. These meals are not fully funded by the government and there is a cost implication to the school which can be reduced if any meals not required are cancelled. Thankyou.

Parentmail

Firstly thank you for your patience through our teething problems with Parentmail. Hopefully, you should no longer receive random notifications! If you have not already registered your online account and downloaded our app – please do so. It will make paying for trips, booking parents evening appointments and reporting absences much easier for you. A new activation link will have been sent to your email account today, if we have your email on record.

Parents Evening

These will take place in November. You will be able to book your appointment through Parentmail from 17th October at 7pm. We would strongly encourage parents to book their own appointment online but for any who cannot, we will take bookings in school. If you have not already activated your Parentmail account, we would advise doing so before 17th October.

Text/Emails

We aim to communicate as much as possible via text and email. If your mobile number or email address has changed recently, please contact the office. The school has changed over to a new system and not all the data has been transferred correctly so if you have not received an email with this newsletter attached, we have your incorrect email address. This newsletter is going out via email and paper copies but in future it will be emailed if we have your address.

Swimming

Please remember swimming is £2 per week if you have not already paid up to half term.

PTFA

The school has a very active and committed PTFA who raise much appreciated funds for the school. Their next meeting is on Thursday 12th October in the school hall at 7.15pm, everyone is welcome.

School Uniform

We are in the process of changing our uniform supplier to nationwide Uniform based at Spilsby. You will be able to go and purchase uniform from their shop or order it online and have free delivery to school. We will notify you when we officially make the switch over. Until then please order online from www.schooltrends.co.uk

Bag2School

These are being collected on Friday 20th October at 9am, bags will be sent home at the end of September for you to fill. They can be brought in during the week of 16th October as we will have a spare classroom we can store them in. We just ask that if you bring in bags on Mon 16th – you use the official white bags2school ones – we don't want to get them muddled up with the PGL bedding etc 😊

Our focus for this school year

- Stretching and challenging all pupils
- Independent learning and thinking
- Improving writing across the school
- Developing class worship delivered by pupils

Mrs Moore
Headteacher

Diary Dates

September

28th (Thursday): Barnes Wallis Open Evening

October

4th (Wednesday): Class L Trip

4th (Wednesday): QEGS Open Evening

6th (Friday): Individual children's photos am. If you would like younger siblings to be photographed please contact the office.

10th (Tuesday): Harvest Festival 9.10am in St Helen's Church, Mareham Le Fen

12th (Thursday): PTFA meeting 7.15pm

16th October to 20th October: PGL week

20th (Friday): Bag 2 School collection 9am. Bags can be brought in from 16th October

20th (Friday): End of term

31st (Tuesday): Back to school

******Please note – we come back to school on Tuesday 31st October******

November

6th (Monday): Parents evening – details to follow

8th (Wednesday): Parents evening – details to follow

9th (Thursday): Parents evening – details to follow

December

13th (Wednesday): Nativity in St Helen's Church, Mareham Le Fen. There will be 2 performances 1.30pm and 6pm, all children are involved and are expected to be at both performances.

19th (Tuesday): End of term

April

16th – 19th: Bikeability for Year 5

Term dates for 2017/2018 are on the school website.