



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

I find it hard to believe that we are in October already – where did September go?

I forgot to report, last week, that Year 3 enjoyed an action packed Stone Age day! They were treated to some fantastic activities and discovered what life was really like during the stone age times. Every time I walked through the hall I heard laughter and saw lots of smiles



on faces so I know it was both an enjoyable and educational day. On Tuesday it was the turn of Year 4. The children dressed up for an Egyptian day! The costumes were fantastic from children and staff alike and it was great to see learning come to life as the children took part in a number of enjoyable and educational activities. A huge thank you to the staff for organising these events and to the parents for supporting such a memorable experience for the children.



Years 1 – 6 were then treated to a theatre performance on Wednesday as the 'Quantum Theatre' group performed two education performances that were linked to Literacy. KS1 watched a production linked to 'The Gruffalo' whilst KS2 watched a variation of 'Harry Potter'. It was lovely to see the children so engaged whilst thinking about some important aspects of Literacy. I am also pleased to report that the theatre company commented on the high standards of behaviour of all of the children – well done!



Lastly, I am pleased to inform you that the building work should be finished by Friday 9th October. All internal work is now complete and the builders are now working on the external parts linked to the build. Everything is beginning to take shape and everyone is excited about finally occupying the new part of the school. I will write to you next week to confirm arrangements for coming to school and leaving school at the end of the day.

Enjoy your weekend!



This week the Attendance Bears have been awarded to			
KS1	Class 4	Mrs McAllister	99.3%
KS2	Class 7	Mr Simmonds	98.7%
<i>Congratulations to both classes!</i>			
Whole School Attendance		97.1%	



Parent Mail

At present 210 parents have signed up to Parent Mail. The office staff will be sending out another text message asking parents to sign up over the next couple of days. If you are experiencing any problems please inform the office so they can help you to resolve the problem.



Questionnaire

Earlier this week a questionnaire was sent to all parents. Please can I ask as many parents as possible to return these as your responses and the information you provide is important to ensure the school can do all it can to meet the needs of everyone involved.



Harvest

The children in Year 3 will lead the celebrations this year and they have chosen to support the Thurrock Food Bank. Our school is helping the Thurrock Food Bank by asking for donations of non-perishable, un-opened and in date food. All donations should be sent into school via your class teacher by Friday 9th October.



Tuesday Tuition

Please note that children who attend Year 6 tuition on a Tuesday are allowed to bring a snack for the end of the day.



Christmas

The Christmas Fete will take place on Friday 4th December after school (3pm – 7pm). Please get in touch with the PTA if you would like to run a stall or if you can offer any help. There will be a 'Santa's Grotto', refreshments and a BBQ. The choir will be singing at the event and there will be lots to do for everyone.



Early Years Admissions

Do you have a child who is set to start school in September 2016 or do you know someone who is looking at schools for next September? If the answer is yes then make sure you come to visit the school on **Tuesday 13th and Friday 16th October** during the day to see the school in 'action'. There will also be an Open Evening on **Wednesday 14th October between 5pm and 7pm**. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Harvest Food Collection (29/9)
Parental Questionnaire (29/9)
Cross Country Club – Years 3-6 (01/10)
Year 5/6 High Five Netball Club (01/10)
PGL Information – Years 5/6 (02/10)
Early Years Harvest Afternoon – Evaluation Form (1/10)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



October

Friday 2 nd	In School	Class 2 Road safety walk with parents (9.15am)
	In School	Class 12 Road safety walk (10.30am)
	In School	Year 6 PGL Payment of £50 due (July 2016 Trip)
Tuesday 6 th	Main Hall	EYFS Phonics Information Session 9.15am
Thursday 8 th	Main Hall	EYFS Phonics Information Session 6pm
	Small Hall	Year 5 IOW Meeting 6pm
Friday 9 th	In School	Year 5 PGL Payment of £30 due (September 2016 Trip)

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

NON-PUPIL DAY – Monday 12th October

**Secondary School Application Deadline
31st October 2015**