



Friday 5th January 2018

Welcome back and wishing you all a Happy New Year. We do hope you enjoyed a festive and restful break. It was lovely to see you all at our winter celebrations. Thank you so much for your positive feedback and comments. We are very proud of the children, their performances and the lovely artwork. Congratulations to all our children and families who purchased a raffle ticket for our Christmas hampers. Congratulations to the winners, who I am sure were delighted. We do hope you enjoyed them.

We hope you have downloaded the school app on your smartphone or tablet and are finding the communication helpful. Thank you for your feedback so far and please keep us informed about features you may find helpful.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the 'Home-school Learning Conversations' next week. Please remember to bring along your child's Record of Assessment to support your discussion and any questions or queries you may have. Please make sure your child attends with you to take part in the discussion. If you have not already signed up please do so via the link you received by text.

A big thank all of you who have supported the school as we continue to make improvements for our children and families. Today you will be receiving the class termly newsletter.

The satellite school has now completed its first term and we are all very happy with the how the children, staff and families are seamlessly working together. This has been a very positive and innovative step for the school and our community.

We have two parent vacancies on our Board of Governors. Parent representation on our governing body is very important in supporting the school to develop and achieve our ambitious vision for our children, our families and our community. Today you will be receiving election packs with information about the process and nomination forms. I strongly encourage you to consider how you or someone you feel could represent you and our community, could support the school and its development. We have ambitious plans for our school and a key part of this involves the communities view and input in moving the school forward, part of which is parent representation on the governing Body. If you have any questions or would like further information please speak to a member of staff or enquire at the school office.



The weeks ahead

Monday 8th January
Swimming Intensive Begins
Y4 & Y5

Tuesday 9th January
Parent consultations

Wednesday 10th January
Booster Classes Begin for Y6

Thursday 11th January
Parent consultations

Tues 16th Jan - Thurs 18th Jan
Phonics Workshops

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th January
Maths Week

Tuesday 23rd January
Parent Inspire Maths Workshop

Term Dates

Spring Term

Wed 3 Jan – Thurs 29 Mar

Half Term

Mon 12 Feb – Fri 16 Feb

Easter Break

Thurs 29 Mar – School closes at 2pm

Mon 16 Apr – Inset Day

Summer Term

Tuesday 17 April – Friday 20 July

Tues 17 Apr Children return to School

Half Term

Mon 28 May – Fri 1 Jun

Mon 4 Jun – Inset Day

Fri 20 Jul – School Closes at 2pm



Phonics Workshops 2018

Following the success of the phonics workshops in the Autumn Term we are pleased to offer further parent workshops in response to your feedback. The following sessions will be held to support Parents/Carers to gain a better understanding of phonics, sounds that letters make, and how you can support your child. You are welcome to attend all 3 sessions as each phase introduces new and different sounds. As a guideline: Phase 2 is taught at the end of Nursery and the beginning of Reception; Phase 3&4 is taught in Reception; Phase 5 is taught in Year 1.

Phonics Workshops Schedule

Phase	Date	Time	Location
3/4	Tues 16 Jan	9.00am	Middle Hall
2	Wed 17 Jan	9.00am	Bottom Hall
5	Thurs 18 Jan	9.00am	Middle Hall

It was lovely to see so many mums, dads and carers at the baby and toddler 'Winter Warmers' at the end of term. Thanks to everyone for coming along and joining in with our seasonal activities including some fun singing. Thanks as well to the children from years five and six who came along to help out and lead a festive game of football!



Our new intensive swimming programme starts. Year 4 & 5 will be visiting the Cally Pool every day for two weeks. In the summer term Year 6 and 3 will be attending at the start of the term

Home School Learning Conversations are next week on Tuesday and Thursday evening. You will have received a text message enabling you to make a booking. Please ensure that you sign up for this important meeting to discuss your child's progress at school.



Parent Governor Elections



Would you like to be a parent governor?
Would you like to nominate someone?

1) Fill in the nomination form
(blue form)

Return it before **Wednesday
17 January 3.30pm** to the
school reception

2) Vote (yellow form)

**Monday 22nd January to
Wednesday 1st February
3.30pm**

3) Counting of ballot papers
(you are invited to attend if you
would like); results will be
communicated the same day

**Thursday 20nd February at
10am**

The blue form (nomination) and yellow form (becoming a school governor) have been given to your child and are also available at the school reception.

For more information about the role of a parent governor, please talk to a member of staff.