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Music Lessons

We currently have 2 places for keyboard lessons on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to put your child's name down for a place please contact the office. The cost is £5 a lesson and we request that you pay a term in advance.

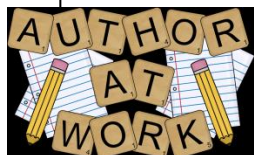


British Legion

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal last year. As a school we raised £209.97.

Writing Focus

Over the next few terms we will be having a focus in school to improve writing. We know that our children are capable of producing great writing presented to a very high standard. To celebrate writing we will be launching our blogging project and have a Star Writing display in the hall. In order for any child's writing to appear on the blog or display it must be of a high standard, spelt correctly with no grammar mistakes. Please check out our class blogs in a few weeks to see what we have been doing in school.



BLP Competition

We are holding a competition to design super hero mascots for each of the BLP areas: **Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Reciprocity**. The children can draw a picture of the mascot, make it in 3D or design their logo. They must also give the mascot a name. **The closing date for entries is Friday 27th January**. There will be only 1 winner for each of the dispositions and these will become the mascot used across the school.



Building Work

As you can see the redevelopment of the school entrance is well under way. The work is currently on track and will hopefully be completed at the end of February. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while the work takes place.



Mobile Phones

Please can I remind all parents/carers that for safeguarding reasons mobile phones should not be used within the school at any time. Thank you for your understanding.



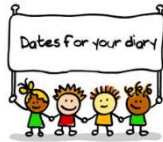
Open Day

On Tuesday 28th February there is a chance for parents and carers to come and look round the school, view our displays and see the children at work. We will have two sessions; the first between 9.15am and 11.50am. The second will be between 1.30pm and 3pm. Please note, that unfortunately we cannot accommodate younger siblings on this date.



PTA

There will be a meeting on **Friday 27th January** at **2.15pm** to vote in key roles to form the PTA. Please come along if you wish to take part and become part of our new PTA.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 27th January – Reception Learning Lunch
PTA Meeting 2.15pm

Wednesday 8th February – Y5 trip to Swindon

Thursday 8th February – Y4 trip to Carrymore

Friday 10th February – INSET day

Monday 20th February – Term 4 starts

Tuesday 21st February – Parents evening (Y1-Y6)

Wednesday 22nd February - Parents evening (Y1-Y6)

Tuesday 28th February - Open Day

Wednesday 1st March – Parent Forum

Friday 3rd March – Y3 Learning Lunch

Term dates

- **Term 3** Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2017
- **Term 4** Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April 2017
- **Term 5** Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May 2017 closed on 1 May 2017 for Early May Bank Holiday
- **Term 6** Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017

2016/17 Inset Dates

Friday 10th February 2017

Monday 5th June 2017

Friday 14th July 2017

Complaints from Parents

Over the last few weeks I have received a number of complaints about parents swearing outside school on the pavement. A number of parents are unhappy that their children are hearing bad language on their way into school. I would ask that parents stand away from the gate once they have dropped their child/children off to allow all children to enter school safely. Once the building work is complete the children will be able to enter school in different ways which should stop the pedestrian gate becoming crowded.

I am also aware that there have been issues with parking and cars driving on the pavement when dropping off and picking children up. If you have to drive to school please drive very slowly down Whittock Road so everyone can be safe.



School Lunch Payments

Can we please remind parents that for those children in KS2, unless your child is entitled to free school meals, parents need to pay in advance for their child's school meals. Our lunches are priced at £2.25 each and your child's account must be in credit before they have their lunch. Please can we ask that all parents log into parentpay and check that they don't have any outstanding balances. If you require a paypoint letter to pay for school lunches at your local paypoint store, please ask the office who will be happy to print one for you.

We look forward to sharing the winning BLP mascots with you in the next newsletter.

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team