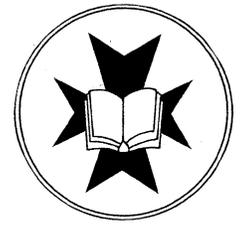


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**- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017-**  
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**Week 1: 1.3.17**

I hope you all enjoyed a good half term break. It went very quickly for me! There are lots of things going on this term. Please do make sure that you keep up-to-date with what is happening via our website and regular newsletters home.

Thank you to Miss Smyth and 1S for their charming class assembly on the last Friday before half-term. I thought the children were very confident singers and speakers. You would never have guessed that Miss Smyth had a laptop emergency just minutes before the assembly was due to start!

Have a good week and very best wishes,

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

**Notifying Us of Changes at Pick-up**

Please could I ask that, if there are any changes to the children's going home arrangements, these are communicated through the school office? There have been a number of occasions when parents have made last minute changes and not let us know.

We will only let children in Years 5 and 6 walk home if parents have signed the consent form to do so. Similarly, we will only release your children to the adults you have named on the slip sent home at the beginning of the year.

Thank you for your co-operation with this. It will help save unnecessary panic from myself and class teachers when we are not informed.

**Grounds Clear Up**

There are still a number of grot spots in the school that I keep closing my eyes to! This term, I am on a mission to get these outside areas cleared. I would like to make an appeal please for anyone who can spare a couple of hours to help clear some of the outside areas so that they can be properly sorted out for spring. It will mean putting damaged things in the skip, as well as weeding and strimming to clear the relevant area. If you can help, please let the office know. I would be really grateful for any volunteers. Thank you.

**Football in the Morning**

Hopefully, the better weather is here now and we can make more use of our lovely grounds.

I have no objections to the children playing football in the morning before school; in fact, I think it is healthy and any exercise is good to get the brain going. However, I am not happy for football to take place on the playground. This is for two reasons:

- It is not as safe for the children if they fall over.
- It is not safe for adults and children crossing the playground in the morning, who could be hit by a flying ball.

If the children would like to play football on the grass, they need to bring either football boots or old trainers to wear **outside only**. We have just had to replace the carpet in the Year 5 and 6 area, which has unfortunately lasted only three years due to mud and dirt being trampled in. This has cost in excess of £2,000 which could have been spent on more exciting things for the children. Please can I ask that you support us in this?

**Raising Issues**

I do enjoy my morning air on the playground in the morning! It's good to hear your lovely positive comments and that you trust me to pass on messages. (Note to self: start taking a notepad out!)

We have spent the last year refining our communication systems and structures to make them more efficient and to ensure that any issues can be dealt with quickly and effectively. If you are raising an issue for the first time, please could it be directed to the following people?

- Any first-stage issues with children in Key Stage One: Miss Tonge (Phase Leader)
- Any first-stage issues with children in Key Stage Two: Mrs Tennant (Phase Leader)
- Any concerns about lunchtimes: Mr Lee (direct responsibility for provision and lunchtime staff)

The above will no doubt deal with any concerns. If for any reason they do need following up, Mrs Baker and I will be only too happy to help.

## Safer Internet Day Follow-up

It was Safer Internet Day in school on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Lee did a fantastic job organising the day, which was designed to reinforce how to use the internet safely. I hope that you were educated by the literature that was sent home too!

Following on from that, I just wanted to remind you all about checking your privacy settings and monitoring your child's internet use at home, particularly YouTube. It has come to our attention that the children are being exposed to overtly sexual and derogatory clips on this site. This may be intentional (i.e. following a particular personality) or unintentional whilst searching for other things. Please make sure that you monitor your children's internet use and foster open dialogue with them so that they know they can approach you if they need to.

Similarly, if your child posts clips on YouTube, please check their content and suitability.

## INSET Day and Term Dates

A reminder that the date for our remaining INSET day has now been set for **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Please see below an updated list of the remaining 2016/17 term dates.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 7 April 2017

### **SUMMER TERM**

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 24 April 2017

**BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE** - Mon 1 May 2017

### Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 26 May 2017

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 5 June 2017

**INSET DAY CLOSURE** - Fri 23 June 2017

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 21 July 2017

## Parent Forum

**This will take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.** Please come and have your voice heard. The agenda will be:

- Changes to lunchtime
- Whizzy Wednesday
- Fundamental British Values: do you know what they are? How can we incorporate these into educating our children?

## Socks Needed!

**Do you have any old, brightly-coloured socks at home that are going spare?** If so, the PTA would love to have them please for a forthcoming activity! They don't need to be pairs – just anything brightly-coloured and clean!



## Diary Dates

<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: Celebration assembly
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	6.00pm: PTA meeting (Staff Room)
<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	am: KS1 Infant Agility (selected children – Kingsley School) 4B swimming – final session
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	5.00pm-7.00pm: PTA Bingo Night
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: 2B class assembly
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	Year 2 trip to Thinktank Reception, Year 3 & 4 Zoolab workshops
<b>Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	4T swimming – first session 6.00pm: Year 6 2018 residential trip parents' information meeting (current Year 5 parents)
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	6.00pm: Parent Forum
<b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	am: Year 1 trip to MAD Museum
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: Celebration assembly 2.45pm: Science Week reflection events (all year groups including Nursery)
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	Year 5 fundamental British values workshop
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2017</b>	pm: Year 6 tag rugby festival (Kenilworth School – <i>details to follow</i> )
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2017</b>	12.30pm: Year 2 parents' sharing lunch - <i>details to follow</i>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: 2T class assembly
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	Year 5 fundamental British values workshop
<b>Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	PTA Non-Uniform Day & Easter Egg Tombola
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: Celebration assembly
<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	am: Year 6 Easter event (St John's Church – <i>details to follow</i> ) pm: Swimming gala (Abbey Fields – selected children – <i>details to follow</i> )
<b>Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	PTA Easter Disco
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	9.00am: 3T class assembly <b>3.15pm: Break up</b>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	<b>Back to school</b>