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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome Newsletter

I'm sure that you, like us, are already wondering where the past six weeks have gone! Based on the assembly this morning lots of you went fishing this summer, catching some extraordinarily big fishes! It feels strange to say on day one, but there are some changes already around the school. For more information, read on...

New Intake

We welcomed our ten new Reception pupils to the school this morning plus a new child in Year 3. All of them seem to be settling in well and if you are able to welcome and help any new parents on the playground, it would be greatly appreciated. It is always difficult to get to know the routines and ways of a school!

We also welcome Miss Ellis back on to the school staff following Mrs Foster's resignation. She will be working in Saplings for much of the week but will pop up in Buds and Oak as well.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Morning will be in the school hall on Saturday 23rd September at 10.30am - 1.30pm. There will be refreshments, tombola, bring and buy, cakes and various other stalls. If you have anything you are able to donate or can make a cake please bring it along on the day. You can buy raffle tickets before the day from Mrs Cater, tickets are 50p each. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there. Any questions please contact Gail Baker on 01959 532814 / 07759 865712.

Pick-Up

Just a quick reminder at the start of the year that Reception and Key Stage 1 children MUST be collected from the playground; staff will not release them to walk along the pavement to meet you outside of the school. Also, if you have a regular arrangement with another parent around collection at the end of the day, or, for Y6, to say your child can walk home on their own, please let the school know in writing.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child(ren) in with a named water bottle.

Ear-rings

May I remind everyone that only simple stud ear-rings are allowed in school. For PE, ear-rings must be removed or taped up. The child must be able to remove them themselves as staff are not allowed to do it for them and tape must come from home.

Forthcoming dates

See attached sheet for dates that we already have confirmed for the forthcoming year.



Harmony; Creating & Preparing for Success



Term 1	
13.9.17	Roald Dahl Day
19.9.17	Class expectation meetings for parents 3:30-5:00pm
22.9.17	NHS Heights and Weights
25.9.17	Parent phonics and reading workshop 9:00
29.9.17	Harvest Festival
5.10.17	Maths Day
9-13.10.17	Willow Residential
29.9.17	Deadline for Target Bookmarks
2.10.17	Parent Consultations 6:00 – 8:00pm (not Buds)
3.10.17	Parent Consultations 3:30 – 5:00pm (Buds 3:30 – 6:00)
18.10.17	Choral Day for Yrs 5 and 6 Sevenoaks School
19.10.17	Celebration Assembly and Poetry Recital 9:00am
20.10.17	Term 1 ends
Term 2	
30.10.17	Term 2 starts
14.11.17	Open afternoon for prospective parents
13-17.11.17	Anti-bullying week
8-24.11.17	Film Festival Week
22.11.17	Open books
23.11.17	NHS Flu Vaccines yrs R, 1, 2, 3 and 4
w/c 27.11.17	Saplings Assessment Week
w/c 4.12.17	Oak and Willow Assessment Week
4.12.17	Nativity 2:30pm
5.12.17	Nativity 3:30pm
19.12.17	Panto
	Christmas Lunch tbc
20.12.17	Carol concert 9:30am
20.12.17	Class Christmas Parties pm
20.12.17	Term 2 ends
Term 3	
4.1.18	Term 3 starts
6.2.18	Safer Internet Day
9.2.18	Celebration Assembly and Poetry Recital 9:00am
9.2.18	Deadline for Target Bookmarks
9.2.18	Term 3 ends
Term 4	
19.2.18	Term 4 starts
27.2.18	Parent Consultations 3:30 – 5:00pm
28.2.18	Parent Consultations 6:00 – 8:00pm
1.3.18	World Book Day
9-18.3.18	British Science Week (16.3.17 Demo Day)
14.3.18	Pi Day
21-25.3.18	Poetry Week
21.3.18	World Poetry Day
28.3.18	Easter Service 9:30am tbc
29.3.18	Term 4 ends
Term 5	
16.4.18	Term 5 starts

May	KS1 SATs
w/c 21.5.18	Optional SATs
tbc	Safety in Action Week
25.5.18	Celebration Assembly and Poetry Recital 9:00am
25.5.18	Term 5 ends
Term 6	
4.6.18	Term 6 starts
w/c 11.6.18	Phonics Screening
21.6.18	Sports Day (Reserve 28.6.18)
Tbc	Year 2 Heptathlon
Tbc	District Sports
Tbc	Cricket
Tbc	Step Together
10 12.7.18	Leavers' production
17.7.18	Leavers' Disco tbc
18.7.18	Music Recital 9am
19.7.18	School Council event
20.7.18	Year 6 leavers' assembly
20.7.18	Term 6 ends

Best wishes,



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