



# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 7th September 2016

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Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to school! In particular, I welcome our new families and our new Reception pupils. We hope that this will be a long and productive relationship with the school.

We are committed to working in partnership with our parents and it is important that you let us know if you have any concerns or queries so that we can work together to ensure that your child learns without any distractions. Should you wish to discuss something, no matter how small, please in the first instance speak to your child's class teacher. Teaching staff are available in the playground before and after school. Alternatively, if you would prefer to make an appointment to see them, please do so by contacting Mrs Howe in the school office.

## **Safeguarding**

To ensure our pupils are kept safe and so that we are aware of all visitors on site, it is essential that all parents enter the school building through the school office, having signed and collected a visitors badge. Parents or any other visitors must not enter the building through any of the other external doors. If your child has a lot to carry, staff will help them. If you need to check the lost property or find something on your child's peg, please speak to Mrs Howe who will be able to assist you.

## **Attendance**

As a school we are striving to improve pupil attendance and need your support to do this. Children who are away from school miss opportunities to mix with their peers and experience shared learning opportunities. Please remember that I am unable to authorise absences for family holidays. Pupil absence requests for exceptional circumstances are at my discretion and should be discussed with me before making any final plans.

## **Class News**

Following our restructure, we have, in consultation with the pupils, decided on some new class names. Our Reception, Year 1 and 2 class will now be called Acorns Class and our Year 3,4,5 and 6 class will be known as Oak Class.

A topic web which outlines your child's learning for the term will be sent home later this week. Please use this to support learning at home or to plan any days out that link to their topic.

## **How to Help Meetings**

Parents are invited to attend How to Help meetings for their child(ren). These meetings will give you more information regarding what your child will be doing over the next academic year and also some useful hints and tips on how to help them with school life. Please see the diary below for dates and times.

## **House Captains**

I'm delighted to announce that the following pupils are our school house captains:

**Sudeley- Holly**

**Berkeley- Nina**

**Chepstow- Freddie**

## **Celebration Assembly**

Our Celebration Assemblies will begin on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Parents, family and friends are warmly invited to join us in the village hall at 2:45pm.

## **Little Acorns, Breakfast and After School Club**

Please remember that your child must be pre-booked into any breakfast or after school club session they wish to attend. All children should have brought home a copy of the activities and booking information, if you have mislaid this and would like further copies, please contact the school office.

## Vaccine Update/Reminder

To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses. This is because the vaccine does not always work fully the first time. Therefore if your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, I would encourage you to do this now by contacting your GP/Practice Nurse. Children in year 1, 2 & 3 are also eligible for flu vaccine this year. Further information can be accessed at <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

## **Lifting Our Learning**

This term, our lifting our learning theme will 'Be a good Citizen'. Children will be awarded a certificate if they demonstrate this value in school. Please encourage your child to work on their good citizenship skills at home also.



### Be a good citizen

#### What does it mean to be a good citizen?

For example, would a good citizen throw an empty crisp packet in the street? Would a good citizen get to know, and care for, their neighbours?

#### What might make it hard to be a good citizen?

How good a citizen are you? Be honest - give yourself a score from 1-10. **What could YOU do to be a better citizen?**

Set yourself a target and **push yourself** to be the best **citizen** you can.

## **Diary**

A calendar of events for the year will be published shortly. In the meantime, please find below a list of forthcoming events this term.

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Acorn Class How to Help meeting	9.10am	Acorn Classroom
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Oak Class How to Help meeting	9.10am	Oak Classroom
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Eco Summit – Oak Class	Details to follow	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Lacrosse Event	Details to follow	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term 1	3.15pm	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Non pupil Day		
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term 2	8.50am	School

## **Menu W/C 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Monday	Sausage with Mash	Veggie Toad in the Hole	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Tuesday	Meaty Pizza	Vegetable & Quorn Pattie	Jacket Potato with Beans
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Vegetable Loaf	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo
Thursday	Cottage Pie	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Friday	Battered Fish	Cheese & Leek Flan	Jacket Potato with Beans

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