



Friday 9th September

NEWSLETTER

From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week this has been! I have been delighted at the warm welcome I have had from the staff and pupils and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them. I can heartily echo the delightful words I overheard a boy saying as he walked down the corridor past my office – 'I think I'm going to like this year!'

We have already made a few changes which we hope will help parents and families to link with the school and their children's learning.

- **Friday Celebration:** ALL parents welcome; parents of children receiving a certificate will be specifically invited.
- **Breakfast Club:** 07.45-08.45am starting next week. See letter for further information.
- **Class DoJo:** This online system will collate all our rewards and also allow us to message parents. Details about how to log into your child's information will be sent out by class teachers.

It is wonderful to have the new trim trail installed; we are very grateful to all those who helped raise the funds to make this possible. A couple of parents have asked about the fact that it does not have soft matting underneath the various sections. Although I was not involved in the design or decisions, I am aware that it **does** meet all regulations. We recognise that equipment like the trim trail does represent some risks, but it is important for children to learn to play carefully and sensibly on such equipment. The one concern we have is that many children are using it after school. We will be putting up a notice indicating that the equipment is for use by the school pupils. Any parents who allow their children to play on the equipment after school do so at their own risk.

A large part of my philosophy is to involve pupils and parents in helping to make this a fantastic school. Consequently, if you have ideas or concerns, or think that something is going particularly well, please do come and talk to me. As well as the Parent Forum, I am usually available in the mornings before school and am happy to make an appointment to meet at a mutually convenient time. I look forward to working together, celebrating the successes of the children and making a positive impact on our community.

Regards

Andrew Saunders

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Great Question!

- What is the most important thing to do to make a good start?
- What do the boxes at the bottom of this page mean?

Attendance!

The government have set the target for attendance at...

96%

Please remember that all children must be in their classroom by 08.45am.

The class with the highest attendance will have 10 minutes extra play time on a Friday afternoon; ANY class with 100% attendance for the week will have 15 minutes extra play time.

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"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."



For Information ...

Friday Celebration:

ALL parents are welcome to join us at 09.05am every Friday to celebrate the learning that has been happening and to hear about our 'attitude of gratitude'. The parents of children who have won 'Star of the Week' (for the most DoJo points in each class) and the 'Brick of the Week' (for the best piece of work done) will be invited to join us. A member of staff will alert parents about this on Thursday afternoons and a 'DoJo' message will also be sent.



Breakfast Club:

In response to requests from parents, we will be running a breakfast club from next week, starting on Monday 12th September. Breakfast will be available from 07.45-08.45am and will cost £2.00, payable on the door. While it is not necessary to pre-book this, it is helpful to get an indication of which children will be attending, in advance, to help us with planning the shopping! We will review how this is working at half-term.

Class DoJo:

We are combining all our 'rewards' systems under the Class DoJo platform. This will include a 'Merit DoJo' for excellent work, and pupils will still work towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate for the number of DoJos they have earned. Parents will also receive a login for Class DoJo which will allow you to see the rewards your child has received, as well as any 'need-to's' – these are points which have been deducted when a child needs to do something different or make a better choice. We aim to express these as positive comments rather than negative ones. Class DoJo also allows teachers to send messages to parents about their child individually and for parents to message the teacher as well. Adults can upload pictures of pupils' work and what children have been learning. We will be making much more use of this system starting this term.



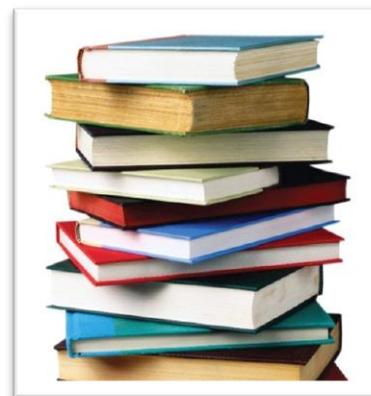
The Library

Library Helpers

- Are you passionate about books?
- Do you love reading?
- Do you like having everything in its place?

We urgently need some parents who can help us to sort out our library. We have rearranged the shelving and layout, but now need a couple of parents who are able to give us some time, to organise the books into the correct sections. This will give the children a library they can be proud of, use and enjoy.

If you can help us, please let the office know when you would be available and your contact details.



School lunches



Following some queries from parents, we have clarified with the school kitchen what will be included in the packed lunch. Each lunch bag will include a sandwich, wrap or pitta bread, which children choose to have filled with ham, cheese or tuna. They will also have two items of fresh fruit or veg, one 'special' item and one dessert item. Water will also be available to all children.

All children who have any kind of school dinner are also welcome to add salad to their lunch, from the salad bar. This will include a 'Taste Challenge' each week, introducing children to some new taste sensations they can try.

The Trim Trail .. How to use it!



Some of the pupils have been helping us develop a clear set of rules for using the new trim trail. From Monday we will be implementing these as the 'Hannah and Courtney Plan'!

- There will be a rota of 15 minute slots for each class to use the Trim Trail. This will give each class at least two slots per week when they have priority for using the trail. Extra slots are for classes with the top attendance.
- Each element or section of the trail will have a notice at each end of it, showing how many children may be on that section at the same time.
- Children must not go onto an element if there are already the maximum numbers of children on it.
- Children should keep moving on the trail so as not to 'block' it for others.
- All children must behave in a safe, sensible manner at all times while using the trail. Any children who have to be reminded of this too often or cannot show they can be careful won't be allowed to use it for a period of time.

Dates for your diary

Friday 21 October	Last day of half term
Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October	Half Term holiday
Monday 31 October	Pupils return
Tuesday 20 December	Last day of term
Wednesday 21 December to Tuesday 3 January	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 4 January	Staff professional development Day; no children in school
Thursday 5 January	Pupils return

Please note: a more detailed calendar will be finalised next week and will be distributed to all parents and carers.