



Newsletter: 13th May 2019

Family Survey Results (Year 1 -6)

Thank you for taking the time to complete the family survey at last term's parent – teacher meeting. It was really good to see that families know their children are happy in school and are well looked after by our lovely staff. Teachers do enjoy talking to you about your children's learning so we were very pleased to see that families find parents' evening a useful time too.

Homework

We saw that homework is an area we can improve on and since Easter teachers have been trying out new ways of setting homework. Senior teachers are looking at what works best and will be creating a new policy ready for the new school year as a result. If you have any feedback on the tasks your child has been bringing home, please let your child's teacher know.

Falling out

Falling out is a normal part of growing up... luckily, school staff aren't just teachers of subjects, they are teachers of friendship and making-up too! Whenever a child tells an adult there's a problem, there are lots of things we do to help.

Some "Did you know...?" facts

- Teachers HAVE TO act in the same way as a reasonable parent would.
- We always have a minimum of 5 adults on playground duty to help children when problems happen.
- Sarah (the counsellor) sees children when they fall out at lunch to talk through the problem and help them solve it – and teach them how to avoid it next time.
- Sarah has daily drop in sessions reserved for any child (or group of friends) who want to talk something over. If you think this is a good idea for your child, you can ask to speak to Sarah and she'll talk through your concerns before helping your child.
- At lunchtimes, we offer children a range of clubs, activities and spaces so that if they need a break from the playground there is always something else to do or somewhere else to go.
- All children learn about "Friendships and Relationships" in PSHE lessons twice a year as well as taking part in national Anti-bullying Week.
- We reward positive friendship actions every day with Dojo points, calls to Mr Gray and weekly "Be Kind Awards" in assembly too.

Do encourage your child to let school staff know if they have had a fall-out – we will always help whenever we find out something has happened. If you have any concerns – or even just a worry – please speak to your child's teacher who will always listen to what you have to say.

Swimming

The school offers Swimming lessons in line with the requirements set out by the government. All children in Year 4 go swimming as part of their PE lessons. Any Year 4 children who need extra support after the Swimming lessons have finished have extra lessons too. The Portland Centre on Muskhams Street offer evening, weekend and holiday swimming for children at £3 per session or £10 for a monthly pass.



Diary Dates: Summer 2019

| Date | Year Group | Time | Event |
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| Monday 13 th May | Year 6 | Week | National Tests (SATs) Week Free Breakfast Club for Y6 pupils all week |
| Friday 17 th May | Year 5 | Day | Kwik Cricket Event at Victoria Embankment |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | Year 2 | Day | Year 2 Visit to Highfields Park |
| | Year 4 & 5 | Day | Tag Rugby Event at Notts Outlaws Rugby Club |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Year 6 | Day | History / RE Trip to National Holocaust Centre |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Year 3 | Day | Girls' Sports Festival |
| Friday 24 th May | All | 3.15pm | School Closes for half term week |
| Monday 3 rd June | All | 8.45am | School Re-opens |
| Tuesday 4 th June | All | Day | Class photos |