



Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 September - Term 1 begins
Tuesday 4 September - Aspirations week
Friday 7 September - 3.20pm Year ahead meeting for Y3/4 parents

Monday 10 September - 3.20pm Year ahead meeting for Y6 parents
Tuesday 11 September - 3.20pm Year ahead meeting for Y5 parents
Wednesday 12 September - Sensory bus in school
Wednesday 12 September - 3.20pm Year ahead meeting for Y1 parents
Thursday 13 September - 3.20pm Year ahead meeting for Y2 parents
Thursday 13 September - 6pm Friends AGM in school

Wednesday 19 September - 2.40pm Phonics workshop for Reception parents

Monday 24 September - 9.15am Cairn ceremony
Wednesday 26 September - European day of languages
Friday 28 September - Macmillan coffee morning

Monday 1 October - Lincolnshire Day
Tuesday 2 October - Construction day
Friday 5 October - 2pm Open afternoon for parents

Tuesday 9 October - 10am Harvest festival in church
Friday 12 October - Photographer in school for individual and family photos

Monday 15 October - 2.30pm Y5 learning journey celebration and topic planning
Tuesday 16 October - 2.30pm Y1/2 learning journey celebration and topic planning
Wednesday 17 October - 2.30pm Y6 learning journey celebration and topic planning
Thursday 18 October - 2.30pm Y3/4 learning journey celebration and topic planning
Friday 19 October - Last day of term 1

Tuesday 30 October - Term 2 begins
Friday 2 November - Friends discos (Reception and KS1 5-6pm; KS2 6.15-7.15pm)

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer - it has been wonderful to see the children approach this new school year with such enthusiasm. We had a busy summer at Chestnut Street, decorating and renovating many areas of our school. The changes have made the environments lighter, brighter and more inviting for the children to enjoy their learning.

Starting on Friday, we have our 'Year ahead meetings' for parents and carers. These will take place in the classrooms and will last for approximately 15 minutes. These meetings will enable you to find out what to expect during this school year for your child, as well as give you the opportunity to meet the class teachers and ask any questions you might have. Specific dates for the year groups are on the diary dates section of this newsletter. We hope you can join us!

From next week, we will be taking part in 'The Daily Mile' every morning before lessons start. The children really enjoyed this initiative when we trialled it last term and it ensured they were ready to start the school day with increased enthusiasm and focus.

Mrs Hodson

Attendance

For the last school year, our whole school attendance was 96.1%. We are pleased with this result, and hope you continue to work with us this school year to maintain - or even improve - this percentage during this school year.

Church school value

Our church school value for this term is Respect. The children will be thinking about this value during collective worship and answering questions such as: What does respect mean? How do we respect God's world? How do we show respect to God and others?

Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to Chestnut Street this term. Mr McCormack and Miss Worthington join our teaching team; Miss Kent is supporting a child in Y3; Mr Mountain will be covering classes across the school and Mrs Harris will be working in the office every morning. I am sure you will soon get to know these new faces!

Beginning and end of day routines

At the end of the summer term, we received some new guidance from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board regarding the beginning and end of day routines. We were asked to consider questions such as:

- *Are the parents aware that messages should come to the school office and not to the staff on duty, to ensure that staff on duty can focus fully on the safety of the children at that time?*
- *Are parents aware that their child cannot leave the defined area until themselves or a person they have agreed to collect them has been seen in the school playground or defined area?*

With these questions and the guidance in mind, from Monday 10 September 2018, we will be slightly altering our arrangements.

Our children in Reception will continue to say goodbye to their parents / carers at the school gate and then line up in the morning, and be collected from the area they currently use.

In a morning, children in Y1-Y6 will say goodbye to their parents / carers at the school gate and will then line up with their teachers on the KS2 playground. The teachers will then take the children to join in the daily mile, before going into their classrooms to start their lessons. If it is a rainy day, the children will go straight into their classrooms, where their teacher will be waiting for them.

At the end of the day, children in Y1-Y6 will be collected from the KS2 playground. Parents will be able to wait on the netball court area of the KS2 playground, and once the teacher has seen you and you have seen them, they will send your child to you.

Children in Y6 will bring home a letter this evening regarding being allowed to walk home alone. However, we need written consent for this to happen.

No child will be sent out of school unless the teacher has seen the adult collecting them (or they have Y6 permission to walk home). Children will no longer be able to walk out of school alone to find their parent in their car or in the village.

These slight adjustments will ensure we are following the recommended guidance from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, and in partnership with you keeping all of our children safe.