

13th September 2019

Around School this week...

These are our fantastic Year 6 play leaders. They have been playing with the younger children from KS1 and Reception on the front playground. It has been great to see their commitment and caring attitude with the younger children.

A big THANK YOU to those children!



Morning Routines – a softer start!

The staff have been keen to try a different start to the school day that will support a smooth and relaxed beginning in the mornings. We have trialled it this week with Reception and Class 1 and the changes will begin from Monday 16th September for the whole school:

- The gates will open as normal at 8:35am.
- Doors will open at 8:45am. Children can come straight into school, hang up their things and go into class.
- Key Stage 2 children should come in through the main double doors by the hall.
- Reception children should come in through the Reception outside door (look out for Mrs Ashman).
- Year 1 children should come in through the Year 1 outside door (look out for Mrs Smerdon).
- Year 2 children should come in through the playground door.

At this point in the year, you are welcome to come into school with your child if you wish. Please encourage them to hang up their bag and coat themselves. We would ask that you leave the school building by 8:55am at the latest so we can start our first lesson promptly.

At the end of the day, classes will leave through the same door. If you are waiting in the area outside Reception and Class 1, please make sure any younger children are not playing with the resources. It takes a long time for staff to organise and locate resources that have been moved. Thanks for your help with this.



Harvest Service

This Autumn we will be holding a Harvest Service at St Luke's Church. It will start at 10pm on Tuesday 15th October. Parents, carers and other family members are invited to come along. Every class will be doing an individual performance and there will be some whole school songs. I hope that many of you will be able to come along to the first whole school event of the year. Further details will follow over the coming weeks.

Class 2 - Malala

Class 2 are collecting bottle tops. If you have any, please send them into school so they can be passed on.

Packed Lunches

If your child has a yoghurt (or similar) in their packed lunch, please can you include a spoon. The kitchen is happy to lend one to a child if needed but we are finding that we are losing a lot of spoons at the moment when they are accidentally put back in lunchboxes and taken home. Thanks.

Nuts, snacks and drinks

This is a gentle reminder that we are nut free school. This means that loose nuts, peanut butter, snickers and other items that obviously contain nuts should not be brought into school due to allergies.

Breaktime Snacks: I have asked what snacks the children are expected to bring into school at breaktimes and been told that they have been asked to bring in 'healthy snacks'. I realise that this is not very specific and it can cause confusion and stress for children if they are unsure what they should have for a snack at playtime. To help with this I would like to be more specific so from now on snacks at playtime can be:

- Fruit (not fruit strips)
- Vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks)
- Hard cheese

Other snacks like crisps and biscuits must be kept for lunchtimes.

Classroom drinks: We like to encourage all children to drink regularly and bring a drinks bottle to school to keep in class. This is only for water. Other drinks like squash or fruit juice are for lunchtimes only.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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