

# October Newsletter



## Dates for your Diary

Wed 4th Oct                      School Nurse will administer Flu Jab

Wed 11th Oct                      Photographer will be in school

30th Oct—3rd Nov                      **Half term**

6th Nov                              Children return to school

Mon 4th Dec                              Y 4-7 Pantomime

22nd Dec                              End of term—School closes at 12 noon

The term is off to a flying start. I am pleased that all our new children are settling well into school life.

Our afterschool clubs have all started and once again they are proving popular with all the children.

Throughout this month teachers will meet with parents to discuss how the children are settling into the new term. This is an opportunity to keep communication open as we all want the best start to the year for the children.

As the weather is getting wetter and colder, please send children with a coat everyday as we like to get outside whenever possible.



## **Nut Allergy**



**Please be advised that some children in school have been identified as having a severe nut allergy. As you will be aware, allergies can be very serious and can have life threatening consequences. Therefore, we must have your co-operation to manage this and keep all of the children safe and well.**

**We ask that children do not bring peanuts or any food or sweets containing peanuts to school. Don't forget Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches as well as some cereal bars are unsuitable.**

**We will continue to avail of the advice and support of the school nurse in this matter and will keep parents fully informed.**

**Thank you for your support.**

## **Pantomime deposit**

Children in Years 4-7 will attend the Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Millennium Forum on Monday 4th December. The deposit can now be paid on the School Money.

Children in Year 1-3 will have a Christmas themed morning which will also be held on Monday 4th December (more details will follow).

## **Christmas Cards**

We know it's only September, however we want to get these ordered and returned to you before the Christmas rush! Christmas cards designed by your child are on offer this year again. An order form has been sent home. Please return it as soon as possible.

## Uniform

The children look so smart in their school uniform – a big 'thank you' to parents and guardians for your continued support of the school uniform policy.

- ◇ Green sweatshirt with the school logo
- ◇ White polo shirt
- ◇ Grey skirt or trousers
- ◇ **Black** shoes—please ensure soles and logos are also black.



We are very conscious of the cost involved in buying school uniform. To this end we would ask you to ensure that sweatshirts, coats etc are clearly named - whenever there are a number of un-named sweatshirts found in the classroom or playground, it is practically impossible to return them to the correct owner.

We do not want a child bringing home a well-loved, well-worn sweatshirt instead of the brand spanking new one they came to school in! (If you use a laundry pen/marker, remember to check regularly that the name hasn't become removed after washing).

Please remember **school uniform should be worn everyday**. On days the children have PE or if they are attending an afterschools club they will change before the activity. Plimsoles or non marking trainers are necessary footwear for Physical Development and Movement. These should be kept in school. Children are asked to bring plimsoles and tracksuit bottoms/shorts for Physical Development and Movement.



**N.B.** It is essential that all of the above items are **permanently named** so that the children can identify their own belongings after activities such as P.E. and play.

## Attendances/ Absences

Parents are asked to support School as we focus on our attendance figures. If children have to miss school due to illness or for any other reason, parents are asked to inform the class teacher through the report absence button on the school website. This sends an email directly to the class teacher. All absences have to be recorded in our attendance module. Thank you for your support with this. Parents are encouraged to ensure all family holidays are booked to coincide with school holidays.

## School time.

School begins at 9:00am and all children should be in class ready to start the day at this time. Classroom outside doors are open from 8:45 (supervision in the classroom cannot be guaranteed before this time). Children arriving before this should go to the Hall for breakfast club.

