



Welcome Back

Happy New Year, I hope you are all fully rested and ready for an action packed term. Clubs and activities are up and running next week nearly as normal with just one or two exceptions, please refer to the accompanying letter.

Staff Development

I'm delighted to be able to share some fantastic news - Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Wood have just been informed they have successfully completed the Higher Level Teaching Assistant Award (HLTA). Both have worked incredibly hard in an extremely short amount of time to gain this nationally recognised award and we are thrilled to share the news.

From today Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Wood will be covering PPA in the EYFS/KS1 on a weekly basis ensuring continuity and stability for our younger children. Mrs Rodgers will continue to cover PPA in KS2 therefore ensuring all our children are taught by a permanent member of staff.

In School we are Collecting.....

- ☺ Old Postage Stamps for the PDSA.
- ☺ Old Ink Cartridges & Mobile Phones.
- ☺ Nestle Box Tops for Books.

Dates for your Diary

January 2011

4th - First Day Back to School
10th - PTA Meeting 9am
19th - Parents Evening
26th - Young Voices
28th - INSET Day
31st - Governors Meeting 4pm

School Tea-towels

We only have a couple of tea-towels left for sale.

£3.50 each or
£6.00 for two.

Please send money into the school office in a clearly marked

Parents Evening

Wednesday 19th January
3.30pm until 6.30pm

Appointment letters will be sent out next week.

Young Voices

Confirmation of date change Wednesday 26th January.
New permission slips and letters will be sent home with the choir.

School PTA Meeting



Monday 10th
January at 9am.
Please do try to attend.
Tea & coffee will be served.

Swimming Lessons Junior Class

KS2 swimming starts again on Monday 17 January and runs until Easter this time. Permission forms and information letters were sent out with your child, please fill in and return to the school office.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to announce the engagement of Miss Laura Smith and Mr Lee Jones.



School Absence

Parents must avoid taking holidays in term time. Absence from school can be disruptive not only for the individual pupil but also for the pupil's whole class. Whilst there may be occasions when a pupil is unable to attend school e.g. due to illness, all other absences should therefore be kept to a minimum and if at all possible avoided.

Regulations do, permit a Headteacher to agree to a request from a parent for a pupil to be granted 'leave of absence'. Under the regulations, approval for a child to be taken out of school to go on a family holiday during term time can only be granted by the Headteacher. Government guidance states that "Parents should not normally take pupils on holidays in term time" and "Schools can only agree to absence for a family holiday if they believe there are **exceptional circumstances** which warrant it".

The regulations make it quite clear, however, that parents do not have the right or an entitlement to take a child out of school for the purposes of a family holiday during term time. Parents should not therefore expect any request for leave for a family holiday to be automatically approved and in most cases such requests will be refused by the Headteacher.