



Tuesday 23rd February 2016

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Diary Dates

Week beginning 23rd February

Wednesday 24th February

No Walking Bus this week

Keyboard lessons

Community Lunch

Football match at Shrewsbury Sports Village for the football team

Thursday 25th February

KS2 Whole class penny whistle/flute and French Themed Lunch

Friday 26th February

No Walking Bus

Forest School for Class 1

Guitar demonstration from the Shropshire Music Service for KS2

Bell ringing

Future Diary Dates

Monday 7th March-British Values Day

Wednesday 9th March-Whole school visit to Attingham Park (a letter will be sent with further details)

Tuesday 15th March-Parent appointments for Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. Open afternoon for all parents from 1:30pm (a separate letter with further details will follow shortly)

Friday 18th March-Sports Relief mile. Come dressed as your favourite sports person or dressed to represent a sport for £1 (further details on page 2 of the Star).

Wednesday 23rd March at 1:30pm
Easter Service in St Lucia's Church
Everyone welcome!



Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable and rested holiday! The next half term is short, but very busy and there are a lot of interesting things being planned for the children.

School Lunch Payments

As previously mentioned in the newsletter before the half term holiday, Mrs Alexander, our school cook will be available from **8:50-9:10am in the school hall each Monday morning**. This will provide the opportunity for parents to make any advanced weekly dinner money payments and to check any lunch payment queries which may arise.

Shire Services encourage parents to pay for school lunches in advance for either the week, half term, or on the day to avoid any outstanding arrears linked to their payment policy.



Football Team

Congratulations to our football team who have progressed through to the Village Schools semi finals. Well done! Please respond directly to Mr Ward via email to confirm your attendance at tomorrow's match. All kits need to be returned please in preparation for tomorrow. Best of luck everyone!



Attachments

Please find attached to this newsletter an information booklet on internet safety which we think parents will find useful. We have also included an advice leaflet on cyber bullying in helping to keep your child safe when using computers at home. Children are made aware of internet safety in their classes as part of the computing curriculum. We also recognised the national internet safety day before the half term.

Pet Photos

Thank you for sending in all of the pet photos to support the science learning in Class 1 and 2!



Walking Bus -If you are able to volunteer to help us once a week, please let Mrs Bennion know. Thank you



Change to the Morning Routine



From next Monday 29th February, the side gate will be open as usual at 8:50am, and the playgrounds supervised as it is presently, but we will be blowing the whistle 5 minutes earlier at 8:55am to ensure children are in their classes ready to begin their learning for a prompt 9:00am start. This will enable the maximum use of learning time for the children.

As we are now half way through the academic year, we would also like to encourage younger children in key stage one to develop a little more independence now they have settled in well to the daily school routines. You can help by encouraging your child to put their own belongings away in the cloakroom, or in their classroom trays and to re-fill their own water bottles . Thank you for your support.

Lunchtime Vacancy

We currently have a lunchtime assistant vacancy for four days week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). If you would enjoy supporting children in the hall during the lunch hour and could organise activities and games outside for play, we would love to hear from you! Please see our website for further details, or see Mrs Bennion in the school office. The closing date for this vacancy is Friday 4th March.

Sports Relief



On the afternoon of Friday 18th March we will be raising money for Sport Relief. Children will be participating in a the Sport Relief one mile walk around the school grounds. Younger children will be partnered with older children for the event. If any parents or grandparents would like to take part in the challenge too as a group of adults, you would be welcome.

We are asking for a £1 donation for this event and children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite sports person, or dressed to represent a sport on this day.

Design Competition for our Front Garden Area



The Eco committee have discussed the idea of holding a garden competition to re-design the front garden area along the school entrance path. We are encouraging families to take part to help us design a new low maintenance space. Please find attached a design template. We are looking for clear labelled drawings showing your ideas. The competition will cost 50p to enter to help us purchase some plants. The competition winner will have their name/family listed on a plaque in the new garden area. The designs need to be returned to school by FRIDAY 18th MARCH. Good luck with your designs everyone!

If there are any parents who have gardening knowledge or skills which could help us with the garden re-design, we would really appreciate any advice you may be able to offer with this project.

Breakfast and After School Club

There are currently spaces available in the Breakfast and After School Clubs. Information can be accessed via the website, or from the main school entrance area. Please note advanced bookings (except for the ' drop off' breakfast service) with payment are required.

Themed Lunch

To celebrate Chinese New Year, the year of the monkey, a special themed lunch will be prepared this Thursday lunchtime. Please see the noticeboard for the full menu.

