



NEWS *letter*

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15th January 2020

Start of the school day

As we start a new year, I would like to provide some clarification about our morning routines. Staff work on the basis that pupils will arrive by 8.50am so that they can be taken into school, as a class, when the morning bell rings.

The time between 8.50am and 9.00am enables pupils to ready themselves for the school day and complete tasks set by the teachers or attend parent reading groups or small group activities run by teaching assistants. When calculated over the course of a whole year, more than 30 hours is accrued by using the 8.50-9.00am time slots in this way.

At 9.00am registers are completed and sent to the school office. If pupils arrive late, they miss out on this settling in / work time and arrival after 8.50am also impacts on the efficient use of staff resources should pupils not be in school to start their group work as planned.

I hope this clarifies the school's expectations with respect to morning routines and our efforts to maximise learning time during the day. Please help us by ensuring children are at school by 8:50am. I thank you in advance for your support.

Elaine Stewart

Funding support needed

Order a school meal on census day!

As you will be aware all Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school meal. These meals are paid for by the school using monies provided by the government. The amount given to schools depends on the take-up rate on census days during the year. If take up levels are low on census days we will be funded accordingly regardless of need on other days. If our meals funding creates a shortfall the school will have no option but to use money earmarked for other purposes.

Clearly this is of great concern. However, the way forward is to have all eligible pupils opt for the free school meal on census day thereby ensuring there is no shortfall. The next census day is Thursday 16th January 2020. A change of menu has been agreed for all Wokingham schools on this day one designed to increase the take up rate.

Please consider supporting the school once again by ordering the free Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 school meal on this day.

Headlice

It has been brought to our notice that there are Headlice within the school. Please could you check your child's hair tonight, taking appropriate action straight away if necessary, and let the office know if there is a problem. We recommend that you check regularly for this condition and notify us of any future occurrences. Thank you for your assistance.

CHANGE OF MENU

Thursday 16th January 2020

Breaded Fish or
Cheese Frittata or
Jacket Potato

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Chips Beans Peas

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Orange and Lemon Shortbread
or Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad

Friday 17th January 2020

Mexican Beef Chilli or
Vegetarian Bolognaise or
Jacket Potato

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Rice and Garlic Slice, Sweetcorn & Broccoli

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Carrot & Courgette Cake
Or Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Salad

Poetry Competition 2020

We are pleased to announce the annual House Poetry Competition. The children need to choose a poem which they enjoy and learn it by heart so that they can perform it to their class. The competition is open to all children in Years 1-6. Class recitals will be during week commencing 24th February - 6th March, Team heats the week commencing 9th March and the Grand Final on Friday 3rd April. Parents of finalists will be invited to attend. For further information please click [HERE](#)

Bake Sale

We would like to thank all parents and pupils who helped bake and sell cakes for our bake sales. Miss Nowell's sale raised **£106.75**. If you are able to help with the bake sale a sign up sheet is available in reception. Your help will be most appreciated. Thank you.



ADVANCED NOTICE

SPORTS DAY Friday July 10th

Full details in Summer Term!



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Sickness

Reminder to parents - if your child is unwell and unable to come into school please telephone the school office between 8:00am and 9:20am on their first day of absence and subsequent days if your child walks to school on their own. **On their return it is important to send a written explanation of their absence for our records.** This is a requirement from the Local Education Welfare Officer. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA Meeting

Wednesday 22nd January 7pm
All parents Welcome

School Disco

Thursday 13th February

Lots of fun!

Foundation Stage & Lower School 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Middle and Upper School 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm
Entrance £3.00

To reduce waste please may we ask all children to bring a named water bottle which we can refill on the night

dropping off and collecting details to follow

For health and safety purposes only named pupils and PTA helpers will be allowed into the school hall during the disco. Parents, younger siblings and buggies will not be permitted

The Family Lounge will be located in Middle School

FACE Adventures Holiday Club

FACE Adventures Holiday Club is back in action for February Half Term for art & crafts activities and loads of other fun activities. Book online at www.faceadventures.co.uk

Letters to parents

Letters issued from 06/01/20 - 15/01/20

Foundation Stage - Walk to the Lake
- Height & Weight

Middle School - Soup Tasting
Upper School - My Favourite book

Whole School - Roman Villa Workshop
- Yr 1-6 House Poetry Competition

If you require a copy please click [HERE](#)

| SCHOOL CALENDAR | |
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| Jan 27 th | FS Walk to ME Lake 9:15am |
| Jan 29 th | FS Parent Phonics 9:10am |
| Feb 6 th | US Roman Villa architecture workshop |
| Feb 7 th | Miss Morgan's Bake Sale |
| Feb 13 th | PTA Disco & Family Lounge |
| Feb 14 th | Last of half term |
| Feb 17 th - 21 st | SCHOOL CLOSED - Half Term |
| Feb 24 th | Pupils return to school |
| Feb 24 th | Poetry Recital House Competition start |
| Feb 27 th | Cross Country at Braywick |
| Feb 27 th | FS Parent Phonics 9:10am |
| Mar 3 rd | Confidence & Self Esteem Parent workshop 9am |
| Mar 4 th | Confidence & Self Esteem Parent workshop 1:30pm |
| Mar 6 th | Miss Saunders Bake Sale |
| Mar 6 th | PTA Bingo and Curry Night |
| Mar 10 th | Yr 3 trip to Waltham Farm |
| Mar 11 th | Yr 4 trip to Waltham Farm |
| Mar 11 th | Lower School Toy Museum |
| Mar 11 th | US Girls Tag Rugby Tournament |
| Mar 17 th | Parents' Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm |
| Mar 18 th | Parents' Evening 4:30pm - 7:00pm |
| Mar 19 th | Lower School REInspired Easter @ St. Peter's Church |
| Mar 26 th | FS Height & Weight Programme |
| Mar 27 th | Mrs Smith/Mrs Coleman Bake Sale |
| Mar 27 th | Pirates of the Curry Bean KS2 Perf 2pm |
| Apr 3 rd | Poetry Recital Grand Final |
| Apr 3 rd | Last day of term |
| Apr 4 th - 19 th | SCHOOL CLOSED - Easter Holiday |
| Apr 20 th | Pupils return to school |
| Apr 24 th | Miss Raby Bake Sale |
| May 7 th | INSET DAY/POLLING DAY School closed |
| May 8 th | Bank Holiday School closed |
| May 11 th - May 14 th | Yr 6 SAT's week |
| May 15 th | Mrs Woolston/Mrs Fenning Bake Sale |
| June 5 th | Mr Gillard Bake Sale |
| June 11 th | School Photographer Class and Sport team photos |
| June 18 th | US REInspired @ Anderson Baptist Church |
| June 19 th | FS trip to Woolley Firs |



Miss Morgan's Bake Sale
7th February 2020
ready, steady, bake!