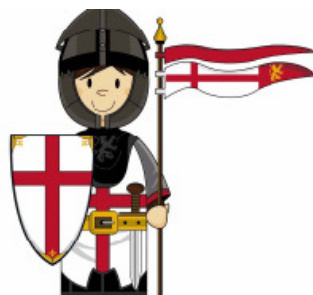


Knights' News No 1



10th September 2011

This half term's dates

September

Wednesday 14th ~ Willow Class meeting at 3pm

Friday 16th ~ Celebration Assembly at 3pm - all welcome

Tuesday 20th ~ Oak Class meeting at 3pm

Thursday 22nd ~ Indoor Football club starts

Friday 23rd ~ Parent Forum at 2.30 and Celebration Assembly at 3pm

Friday 30th ~ PTFA meeting at 2.30pm in the ICT suite

October

Tuesday 4th ~ Harvest Festival at St Decumans

Monday 10th ~ Star lessons - a chance to shine from 2.30 to 3.30pm

Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th ~ Parents meetings (details to follow)

Friday 14th ~ Celebration Assembly with Cherry Class sharing work

Monday 17th to Friday 21st ~ Aspirations Week

Half term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

INSET days on Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November

November

Monday 7th ~ Star lessons - a chance to shine from 2.30 to 3.30pm

Friday 11th ~ Celebration Assembly ~ Beech to share

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th ~ Open Numeracy lessons

Friday 18th ~ Celebration Assembly - Sycamore to share

Friday 25th ~ Celebration Assembly ~ Silver Birch to share

December

Friday 2nd ~ Celebration Assembly - Willow to share

Monday 5th ~ Star lessons - a chance to shine from 2.30 to 3.30pm

Friday 9th ~ Secret Santa (PTFA) 1pm to 3pm

Tuesday 13th at 2pm and Wednesday 14th at 6pm ~ Christmas Show

Thursday 15th ~ Christmas Service

We will give you more information and times in a few weeks as there are several people that we still need to liaise with regarding details.

Dear Parents,

We have had a super start to the term with all the children settling quickly into their new classes. We appreciate how smartly dressed they are and eager to do their best in learning.

As you can see, a lot has been happening over the holidays. The swimming pool extension is taking shape and should be completed in October. Fortunately, we are still able to swim in the pool. Also, the school has had new boilers fitted which should keep us cosy in the winter and stop all the problems we had last winter.

We are looking forward to a year of achievement; children making super progress, a school community which supports and encourages everyone, and a focus on developing aspiration and understanding of the wider world in our curriculum.

I would like to finally ask that you come in and see me if you have any queries, ideas or concerns. Our job is to ensure your child's happiness and optimum learning and we can do this better with your input and support.

Frances Burns

We have lots of exciting things happening this term which will help you, the parents and carers, know more about the school and how your child is progressing. They are detailed below. We would very much like to have your own ideas and feedback on how we can improve communication.

Parent Forum and Comments Box:

A chance to meet with Mrs Burns to talk about specific areas so that the school can benefit from parents and carers' ideas and discuss the school's organisation. It will be very informal with teas and biscuits. You personally don't need to have a specific idea to share but it would be useful to discuss other thoughts that people bring.

We will also have a Comments Box in the front entrance for anyone who has a suggestion for the school. Please drop it in or send it in with your child. Mrs Burns will read them and share them with governors and staff as appropriate. Not everything will be possible straight away but all ideas are useful. For example, we were very grateful to the parent who suggested a one-way system for parents whilst the building works are on.

Star Lessons - a chance to shine

Once a month, the children will be doing special Star work in their Star Book. The following Monday, once the children have completed their work, given their thoughts, we invite you to come in to share the work and also to look at other work they have done during the month. Our aim is for the children to feel proud of the progress they have made over a month and for you to have more opportunities to see what is happening in class.



Grounds Work Party

We hope to have a work party one Saturday morning to give the school grounds a make-over. The rubbish on the pathway is an eye sore and we would like to re-stain the woodwork in the Early Years playground, plant bulbs and generally cheer up the approach and grounds of the school. If you have any suggestions along these lines, do see Mrs Rachel Kelly or Mrs Burns. We will finalise the date as soon as possible.



Attendance

We are hoping that we can reduce the number of days of absence that are taken. We agree that if a child is poorly, they should not be in school. Some holidays have to be taken during school term if that really is the only time that a parent can take time off work.

There is a big negative impact on a child from being off school - they feel less confident as they have missed part of the sequence of learning, they miss out on special events, the every day practice of skills which is so vital doesn't happen.

This year, we will be having an Attendance Award each half term for the class which has had the most learning days. We would ask that you look very carefully at the term dates now and book your holidays now for the half terms or holidays for next year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking

We are delighted that there appear not to have been any problems so far this term. If you have need to drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up and you have not yet asked for a permit, please contact Mrs Kelly or Mrs Milton in the office. Only parents with a yellow permit should drive up the drive at those busy times from 8.30 to 9am or 3.15 to 3.45pm. We are doing this to ensure every child's safety.

CLUBS

We are very fortunate to be able to continue the Parrot Club during this time of cuts and it is because of its warmth and popularity with all ages.

This term Parrot Club will have the following activities on offer:

- Monday - Cooking
- Wednesday - Sports and Crafts
- Thursday - Cooking

The morning breakfast club opens at 7.45 am until school starts giving your child a calm and happy start to the day with breakfast included.

Please complete this request slip or see Mrs Sherrin or Mrs Kelly for more detail

TO RETURN REQUESTS FOR CLUBS, PLEASE CUT OFF THIS LOWER SECTION.

I would like to have more details about the Parrot Club activities and a pack about joining.

Parent/carers name _____ Child _____

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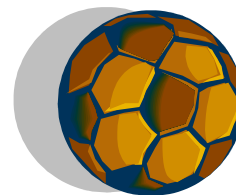
Knowledge Zone: on Fridays, from 3.30 to 5pm, the ICT suite and library will be open for children in Years 2 to 4 to enjoy the books, use the computers for their homework or educational games, or to watch a film. The cost will be £3 including a snack and a drink. If you would like your child to stay, either every week or every now and then, please complete the form below.

Multi skills:

Ms Evans, our sports coach, **has started this fun club** for the first twenty children in Years 1 to 4 to sign up. It will cost £2 from 3.30 to 4.30 and an extra £1 if you want your child to stay for a drink and a snack until 5pm. Please complete the form below and return it as soon as possible.

Indoor Football:

This club is for any child in Years 3 and 4 who enjoys games and would like to take part each week playing against Old Cleeve. Ability isn't necessary - enthusiasm is vital!



Out of School activities

DREAMS School of Dancing and Performing Arts

Mondays for 4 - 9 years old: Ballet and Modern Dance at Knights Templar
For more details, contact Dianne Turner on 01984 633599

BROWNIES

2nd Watchet Brownies are now recruiting girls between the ages of 7 - 10 years. We meet on a Monday evening 6.30pm - 8pm in the Rainbow, Brownie, Guide HQ in Market Street car park, Watchet. We enjoy a wide range of activities in a fun environment including: craft, cooking, games, singing, swimming, pack holidays and day trips to places like Crealy and much more. Please contact Karen Wright 01984 634268 or Lisa Plenty 01643 708301 for further information.

CLUBS SLIP TO BE RETURNED

PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE:

NAME OF CHILD: _____

Multiskills: I would/would not like my child to attend the multiskills club each Tuesday until half term. I agree to pay the cost of £2 for 3.30 to 4.30 and the extra £1 if my child stays beyond 4.30pm.

Indoor Football: My child would/would not like to join this club on Thursdays

Knowledge Zone: I would/would not like my child to join the Knowledge Zone on a Friday from 3.30 to 5pm. I agree to pay the cost of £3 for each week's session.

Signed _____ Name _____

