



Newsletter



Spring 2, 2018

HARRY POTTER DAY

Nursery Places

Applications for nursery places (September 2018) are now open. If you know the parents of any potential nursery child, please spread the word! We are having an open morning on Wednesday 7th March, 9.30-11am.

Scooters

We are very pleased to see so many of our young people coming to school on scooters. It is important that they push their scooters when on the school site. It is very busy in the morning and afternoon and accidents can easily happen. Look out instead for the Skate 'n' Skoot afternoons run by the PTA.



Safer Internet day

The school recently took part in Safer Internet Day, and all classes looked at an aspect of online safety. Parents were encouraged to attend a workshop. We have had incidents in school with children being unkind on social media. We will take action, and will ask you to come in to support the school. A reminder that many of the Social Media sites are not for children under 13 and

this is in order to keep them safe. If you would like a copy of the leaflets we produced about online safety for under 5's or 6- 11's please ask. Our aim is to support you in understanding how to keep your children safe online.

Safety drills

As part of our regular safety drills, we will be conducting a 'Stay inside' drill, as well as an evacuation drill at some point. The teachers will prepare the children so that this takes place in a calm and orderly way.

Tailgating

Please be aware that the school car park is for staff only. We have become aware that some families are waiting at the gate for someone to drive in, and are then driving in behind them. We unfortunately do not have enough space for everyone, and we ask you to please park outside of the school grounds.

ParentPay

We have had a great uptake of this new way of paying for meals and trips, so a big Thank You to all parents who have now signed up. If you have lost your copy of the original letter, please come to the office and ask for another copy. We will no longer accept cash payments after Easter, so now is a good time to take the plunge and try ParentPay!

Times Tables Rock Stars

The children are really enjoying using this programme. Please ask them to show you

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how good they are getting. I am sure you will have seen in the press that times tables are going to be tested nationally. This is a fun way to help your child be a Rock Star!



Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer 2 new clubs this term. We are offering a netball club for after school on a Wednesday – Y5 and Y6.

Tennis on a Tuesday for KS2 Children
Please write your child's name and class on a slip of paper and give it to the office. You will be notified of the start date if they have a place.

