



Newsletter



June 2018

AMAZING SPACES TO LEARN

Reception and Nursery Play area

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and staff who gave up a Sunday morning to help paint the EYFS play area. Your help was greatly appreciated, and it is already looking bright and cheerful. We are also all delighted with the Gruffalo that Mr Carey gave up his time to paint – he already has more orders from envious teachers!

Grandparents were invited to tea, and to have a look around the Reception and Nursery classrooms. The highlight of the morning was of course the delicious cake that was served with the tea. Thank you for sharing the morning with us.



Parent Partnership Forum

Wed 4th July 'Academic Achievement and Challenging the More Able' 9.15 -10.15

Holidays in School time

We have recently had a number of parents requesting permission to take their child out of school for a term time holiday. The school is not permitted to authorise any holiday during school time. Any such absence will result in a penalty notice.



DoJo's

Many families are now signed up to Class Dojo and are finding this a good way of keeping in touch with the class teacher, as well as seeing the great learning that is going on in the classroom. If you haven't yet signed up, please do, so that you can also share the positive things that are happening in school.

Nurture Room

From next year we aim to have a Nurture Room up and running. This will be a facility for pupils who are finding the mainstream classroom difficult. As part of the Nurture Room we would like to have a cabin bed (we don't need a mattress). We are also looking for any unwanted lego, duplo, stickle bricks, board games or puzzles. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

ParentPay

If you need details of your log-in or help to set up your account please contact the office staff who will be happy to help.

Diary & Holiday Dates

Please see the back of this letter and our school website for relevant dates.dates.

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Curriculum

We hope that you have noticed the exciting new topic work your child has been doing at school. Summer 1 saw the introduction of the Cornerstones Curriculum. The feedback from staff and pupils has been very positive. The children have enjoyed their learning, and the staff have enjoyed teaching the new topics. This half-term sees all the infant classes learning something about the sea or sea-side, so they will be going to the beach to enrich the topic. Year 5 has been to a local allotment as part of their topic, and Years 4 and 6 have been visited by the Bug Man. The Year 3's have been to visit a local river as part of their topic 'Flow' and will visit the River Thames later in this half term.



Uniform

We have a small selection of good quality used summer dresses for sale – please see Mrs Lyman.

