



Happy New Year!

The children are now well settled back into their routines. It is lovely to see them all working so hard and enjoying being back in school.

Amy Young Head Teacher

Start of the School Day

A huge thank you to parents for your support with ensuring that your children arrive at school for the doors opening (Lower School 8.40am, Upper School 8.45 am.) Class teachers have already begun to see the positive impact this has had at the start of the day, and the extra learning time that has been created.

After February Half Term, Lower School doors will shut at 8.45am, and Upper School doors will shut at 8.50am. Any children arriving after this time will have to enter school via our Main Reception and be signed in by a parent, carer or guardian. These children will be marked as late.

Coffee and Chat at Captain Cook



We are continually looking for ways to support our families in different ways. Mrs Lake, our Pastoral Lead will be hosting a monthly coffee morning in Lower School which will be open to all parents and carers on the first Tuesday of the month from 8.50am to 10am. The first of these will be held on Tuesday 6th February. This will be an opportunity for Mrs Lake and our parents to chat informally with each other. We hope that it will also provide a chance for everyone to share advice, support and friendship. Toys and juice or water will be available for any of our younger visitors! Any parent or carer wishing to attend should come to the main Lower School entrance.

Fundraising Committee / PTA

Mrs Clay has had some interest in this and is currently in the process of setting this up. If this is something you would like to be part of and haven't yet expressed your interest, please contact Mrs Clay in the school office.

Key Dates

Further dates and information will follow as we continue through the year but please find below an outline of key diary dates.

- Fri 2nd Feb – Number Day (details to follow)
- Tue 6th Feb – Coffee and Chat 8.50-10am
- Fri 9th Feb – Children break up for Half Term
- Mon 19th Feb – Return to school
- Wed 6th Mar – 5pm Year 4 Multiplication Check parents meeting 5pm (details to follow)
- Fri 22nd Mar – Break up for Easter
- Mon 8th Apr – Return to School
- W/c 13th May – KS2 SATs week
- Wed 22nd May – Break up for Half Term
- Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th May -
 - PD Days
- Mon 3rd June – Return to school
- W/c 10th June – KS1 phonics check
- Tue 11th June – School Olympic event – details to follow
- Fri 19th July – Break up for Summer

Parking

As some of you may be aware, the Daily Mail wrote an article regarding dangerous parking around schools. Our school was named in this article. Whilst we do accept that parking is an issue here, the majority of schools face similar problems.

In an effort to alleviate the problems parents face, we are currently exploring the possibility of setting up walking buses. These would operate from the Southern Cross and/or the Rudds Arms car parks, and would involve parents dropping their child off at 8.25am where school staff (and if possible volunteers) would escort them safely to school. Children could be escorted back to the car parks at the end of the school day, where they could be collected at around 3.30pm.

We will be asking for expressions of interest in this service and any offers of help in the next few days. If anyone has any specific queries or suggestions, please contact Mrs Clay at the school office.

