



Wisbech St Mary
C E Academy
Newsletter



Weekly Newsletter No. 1/2017-18

Friday 8th September 2017

Welcome Back

We hope you have had a wonderful Summer break, it was lovely to see the children back on Wednesday, they all seem to have grown so much!! They have been a pleasure to be with this week. Just a reminder that my name has changed, the children are remembering better than the adults, and that

Miss Dodsworth was married over the Summer and is now Mrs Leuty.

The new playground equipment, purchased with the Tesco Bags for Life funding will be installed in the next couple of weeks. This will be followed by some all-weather material being added around it so we can gain maximum benefit.

Our library just needs some finishing touches before we officially open it.

The books donated by St Marys Auto Centre Ltd have now been levelled using our AR system and are available for the children to choose from when they change their books.

During the Summer break the school hall has been refurbished and we have had a new office built for our SENDCo, Miss Beth Freeburn.

You will also see that the stained glass window has been reinstalled in the Hall.

Jewellery in school

Just a reminder that children should not wear jewellery for school except small stud earrings and a watch. If your child wears earrings they must either be able to remove them for PE or not wear them for school. As stated in the national guidance below we will no longer be taping earrings for PE. Please bear this in mind when getting your child's ears pierced. Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish in school.

Ian Roberts Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Education Advisor of Cambridgeshire County Council has stated -

"The national guidance is that jewellery should not be worn for PE, and where it is not possible to remove the item participants should remain in the lesson, participating in low risk activities but where the potential risk is raised, alternative activities may be pursued.

Cambridgeshire County Council advises strongly against the taping of ear-rings because there have been anecdotal cases of young people being injured and the tape has offered no protection."

PE

Your child should now know which day their PE lesson will take place, but children should have their PE kit in school every day. PE kit should comprise of shorts, tshirt, plimsolls/trainers. In the Autumn and Spring terms they will also need joggers and sweatshirt. School clothes should not be worn for PE for hygiene reasons.

SAFE

RESPECTFUL

READY

Clubs

Clubs will start next week - children should have received letters this week. A text message will be sent out on Monday for those children who have a place in clubs. Can I also remind parents that If your child gets a place in a club they should attend every week.

Data Collection

Mrs Embling will be sending out Data Collection sheets next week to check that the information that we hold is correct. This includes contact information, medical and family. Please ensure that this is corrected if necessary and returned to the office as soon as possible. If the information is correct please return and mark as 'no changes required'.

New Home/School Planners

We have introduced the new Home/School Planners to improve the quality of communication and information shared between home and school. They are a really valuable tool to ensure that homework, reading logs and other information are easily accessible for children, parents and teaching staff. Please take time to look through your child's planner with them and encourage them to value and use them. We will be using these daily in school so please ensure your child has this and their reading book with them every day. If a planner is lost or defaced there will be a charge of £2.50 for a replacement. Replacement school water bottle tops are also available from the office at 50p each.

School Archive

We are looking for a volunteer to archive hundreds of school documents and photos dating back to the late 1800's. There are many familiar names and faces of people currently still living in the area. It seems a shame that this important piece of social history is sitting gathering dust in our loft. It would be lovely to have an exhibition of it for all to enjoy and have it catalogued for future use by the school and community. If you are interested in this project we can give Time Credits which can be 'spent' at the cinema, sports centre etc.

Fenland Bushcraft Day

We are looking forward to welcoming Fenland Bushcraft to work with all children in school on Monday 18th September. During the day, children will spend time in the Forest School area engaging in a range of activities in the natural environment. The Fenland Bushcraft team will work with the children to develop skills and knowledge to survive in the outdoors! Children can come to school dressed in suitable clothes for outdoors including a waterproof coat.

Police Safer Parking Support

Parking close to school is very limited, but parking is plentiful on the High Road which is only a short walk away. Despite only being back for 3 days we have already had complaints from residents about parents parking across driveways. This can cause delays for our neighbours who may have appointments to attend.

Sue Clarke, our Community PCSO, has asked me to give you her mobile number and email so that you can contact her directly about any parking or driving issues, including sending her photographs.

Mobile: 07738025220

Email: sue.clarke@cams.pnn.police.uk



Some parents are still parking opposite the Reception class entrance on Church Road, and on the corner of High Road/Church Road. Please do not park on the single yellow lines during the restricted times!

THIS IS ILLEGAL AND IS ENDANGERING OUR CHILDREN AS THEY CROSS THE ROAD!

Swimming

All classes will be swimming at the Empress Pool in Chatteris again this year. Clarkson Class will swim first, starting on Thursday 14th September. We ask that parents pay a contribution to help towards the coach hire which can be paid either by Parentpay or in cash at the school office.

Kind regards,

Nina Walker

Ms Nina Walker - Headteacher

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term

Half Term Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Autumn Term closes Tuesday 19th December

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Spring Term

Training Day Wednesday 3rd January

Spring Term opens Thursday 4th January

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Spring Term closes Thursday 29th March

Summer Term

Training Day Monday 16th April

Summer Term opens Tuesday 17th April

May Day Monday 7th May

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Training Day Monday 4th June

Summer term closes Tuesday 24th July

Diary Dates 2017/ 2018

(New events in BOLD)

Thursday 14th September

Clarkson swimming (1/6)

Wednesday 13th September

Kingswood Parents meeting 3.15pm

Monday 18 th September	Whole school Bushcraft Day
Thursday 21 st September	Clarkson swimming (2/6)
Wednesday 27 th September	Kingwood residential departs
Thursday 28 th September	Sleepover in school for Years 5 and 6
Thursday 28 th September	Clarkson swimming (3/6)
Friday 29 th September	Kingswood residential returns
Thursday 5 th October	Ely Cathedral Day - Year six
Thursday 5 th October	Clarkson swimming (4/6)
Thursday 5 th October	Neale Wade open evening for Year 6 - 6.00pm
Thursday 12 th October	Clarkson swimming (5/6)
Thursday 19 th October	Clarkson swimming (6/6)
Saturday 4 th November	Firework Spectacular
21 st to 28 th November	Book Fair in school
Wednesday 13 th December	Hudson, Godfrey and Mowbray Nativity 2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas dress up day
Tuesday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas break

**Year 6 SAT tests will take place from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May
Please ensure that children are in school between these dates**