

# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## **Family Support for Parents**

Mrs Fran Steer is our Pastoral Support Worker in school. Fran is holding a drop-in session on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 until 10.00 every week during term time. The first one will be on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Fran can offer support on bedtime routines, homework, behaviour issues, tantrums, getting to school on time, self-esteem and friendship issues. If you would like to have a chat with Fran please come to the School Office for 9.00 am on a Wednesday.

## **Parents' Evening**

Parent meetings will take place on the following dates.

The dates are:	Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	3.45 – 6.00 p.m.
	Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	3.45 – 6.00 p.m.

We will have signing up sheets available near the **School Office after 2.45 p.m. on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

## **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive in school on 20<sup>th</sup> March for 2 weeks. Children will visit the Book Fair during the day and parents are welcome to come and see the Fair after school each day from 21<sup>st</sup> March until 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Please come along and support the Fair. The school receives vouchers to purchase books from Scholastic.

## **If you have a concern about your child**

As this is the first Newsletter of the year I thought that it would be useful to explain our policy regarding concerns about your child in school.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher before school please do not try to access the classrooms but go to The School Office, write a message on the message forms available in the rack by the doors and your message will be passed rapidly to your child's teacher.

If you would like a conversation with your child's class teacher please speak to them when they bring the children out **at the end of the school day** or request an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Thank you.

**Step 1:** Meet with your child's class teacher

**Step 2:** Most issues are resolved through a conversation with the class teacher. If you are still concerned please ask to meet with an Assistant Head Teacher (Mr Briant or Mrs Gaywood).

**Step 3:** If you are still concerned please request an appointment with the Deputy Head (Mr Kingston) or Head Teacher (Mrs Keller) through the School Office.

## **Parking Outside School**

As we have a number of new parents to our school we would like to advise you of parking arrangements around the school. As you will appreciate it is extremely busy around school at the start and end times. Please be considerate of our neighbours and don't park across their driveways or on the grass verges. Please don't drive into the school drive or park in the Passing Bay and also please don't park on the Drop

Off/Pick up point at the KS2 Playground end. The Drop Off/Pick Up point is designed to allow parents of older children to simply drop off their children and go in the mornings or pick up children and go at the end of the day. Thank you.

### **Online Payments**

We use the online payment system Schoolcomms Gateway which provides parents with a convenient way to make payments to school when it suits you. You will also be able to see a history of all the transactions you make for your child and you will receive an email receipt in your inbox when you make a payment, if you have registered your email address with the school.

We would appreciate, where possible, that payment for trips, school meals etc. are paid by this method. This reduces the amount of cash going through the school office and ultimately the amount of banking of cash and cheques. It will also provide you with a clear history of your transactions. To activate your account please go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click "I'm a new user". If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

### **Medical Conditions**

If your child has any medical conditions that the school should be aware of, please complete and sign a Health Care Plan (HCP) form available from the Office. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as possible. Please ensure that you update your child's form in the event of any changes to information. It would be useful for the First Aid Staff if we were to have a small photograph attached to the form. Also, if your child suffers from asthma please check that they have an in date and full inhaler in school.

### **Medical Appointments**

Medical appointments must be confirmed by production of the appointment card/letter please. It would be appreciated if you could present the letter when collecting your child from the School Office. Siblings should not be taken at the same time unless the appointment is very close to the end of the day.

### **Medicines Form**

Please fill in a green form for any medicine, which you want your child to take at school. To ensure that our records are up to date, we need you to complete a new green form each September for on-going medication, e.g. inhalers. The medicine and green form should be taken to the School Office at the beginning of the day where it will be kept safely and should be collected at the end of the day.

### **Open Classrooms**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Nursery	7 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 – 10.00 am
Reception	7 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00 pm
Year 1	4 <sup>th</sup> April	2.45 pm
Year 2	4 <sup>th</sup> April	2.45 pm
Year 3	18 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 pm
Year 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.00 pm
Year 5	1 <sup>st</sup> May	2.45 pm
Year 6	15 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00 pm

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>2019</b>			
<b>Mar</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Family Café - Headteacher	2.30 pm
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Open Classroom	9.00 – 10.00 am
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Open Classroom	3.00 pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Family Café – Year 4 – Mrs Bear	2.30 pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Open Classroom – in Woodland	3.30 pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Family Café – Year 6 – Mrs Aplin	2.30 pm

	15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Open Classroom	3.00 pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening sign-up sheets go out at School Office	2.45 pm
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair arrives	3.30 pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Family Café – English – Miss McMullan	2.30 pm
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening	3.45 – 6.00 pm
	25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Week (some Year 5 children)	
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening	3.45 – 6.00 pm
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Family Café – Year 5 – Mrs Andrews	2.30 pm
<b>Apr</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lion King Production in school	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Fair leaves	4.00 pm
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Open Classroom	3.00 pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lion King Production in school	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lion King Production in school	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Kents Cavern	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Open Classroom	2.45 pm
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Open Classroom	2.45 pm
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Kents Cavern	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Café – Looked After Children – Mrs Vallance	2.30 pm
	5 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Easter break	3.20/3.25 pm
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	School opens	8.50 am
<b>May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Open Classroom	2.45 pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Bank Holiday – school closed	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Spring half term	3.20/3.25 pm
<b>June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	School opens	8.50 am
<b>July</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Summer Break	3.20/3.25 pm