

Important Safety Notice

Year 2017- 2018

Inset Days: 2017/2018

Mon 4th Sept

Tues 5th Sept

Fri 20th Oct

Fri 9th Feb

Fri 13th July

Autumn Term 2017

Half term:

Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct

End of Term

Wed 20th Dec

Autumn Key Dates

Wed 18th Thurs 19th Oct
Open Eves

Tue 7th Nov—Fri 10th Nov
Scholastic Book Fair

Fri 17th Nov
Non-Uniform Day

Wed 22nd Nov
KS1 Rainbow Theatre

Fri 1st Dec Xmas Fair

Tues 5th Dec Enable Me

Fri 15th Dec Xmas lunch,
Carol service tbc

Xmas disco tbc

Spring Term 2018

Starts: Thurs 4th Jan

Half Term:

Mon 12th Feb- Fri 16th Feb

End of Term

Thurs 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Starts: Mon 16th April

Half Term:

Mon 28th May -Fri 1st June

End of Term

Tuesday 25th July

Parents, **please, please** help us to reduce the early morning 'bottle-neck' that occurs on the pathways leading into the KS1 block and main school buildings.

Transferring 128 children into the KS1 block is no easy task especially if the number is increased by parents escorting their children to the door. The number of adults (sometimes with younger pre-school children) accompanying children is causing significant congestion and this is also exasperated by parents waiting with their children near the KS1 entrance.

The congestion presents a health and safety concern and also causes delay to the start of the children's lessons.

We understand that a few children may sometimes be reluctant to come in unaccompanied. If this is the case please hand your child personally to the teacher or accompanying LSA. They will make sure that your child is safe and support your child's growing independence. If your child presents as having significant long-term reluctance to coming to school, please speak to our SENCO, Mrs Geary, who will draw up an individual support plan.

We aim to enable the children to enter the school building safely and on time so that there is no disruption to the children's learning. However, KS1 teachers have reported that the start of lessons is often delayed through a small number of parents entering the KS1 building with their children, wishing to talk to the teacher. Please note that any message should be shared quickly with the class teacher on the playground before the class is taken into the building. If this is not possible, then parents should speak to the school office who will pass the message onto the relevant person.

It has also been reported that some parents are knocking on the KS1 building door or corridor /class windows to request that the main door be opened when arriving late at school. This places other children, who may be in the corridor (perhaps on route to the toilet) in a difficult situation as they feel obliged to open the door to parents. This recently resulted in a child being let into the building unregistered. As the registers are used in emergency evacuation procedures, it is vital that all children are registered correctly and that all late arrivals are taken to the office who will then take the children to class.

We ask all parents to adhere to the following as a matter of urgency.

Please:

- 1. Wait with your children on the main playground so that the pathways and surrounding areas remain clear.**
- 2. Say goodbye to your children on the playground thus allowing teachers and children to access the school buildings safely and quickly.**
- 3. Do not accompany your children to the entrance to the KS1 building.**
- 4. Do not enter the KS1 building to speak to the class teacher — instead go to the school office who will then pass the message on to the relevant teacher.**
- 5. If you wish to come to the school office, please wait until the lines of children have left the playground.**
- 6. Go to the office with your child if your child is late.**

Whilst the vast majority of parents adhere to the above, sadly (despite previous requests and reminders) there are a few individuals who are attempting to breach the school's safety procedures.

The safety of the pupils at the school is of paramount importance. Refusal to adhere to school requests may lead to parents being asked to leave the premises.

Parent Open Evenings

Please note that access to the school premises for Parent Open Evenings will be through the pedestrian Stocks Lane entrance only.

This is due to an incident last time where a number of trespassers (using a neighbouring facility) entered the school grounds using the Church Road access.

Midday Meals Supervisor

The school currently has a vacancy for casual Midday Meals Supervisors.

Please note that the post is subject to a number of checks including health, the right to work in the UK and DBS checks.

Please enquire at the office for further details and application form.

Scholastic Book Fair

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

Come and join us from Tues 7th Nov to Fri 10th Nov in the School Hall corridor after school 3.15pm onwards.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. We also have a selection of posters with your favourite characters or music artist and finger pointers for £2.99 each plus other pocket money items.

If you can't make it to our book fair, try our discounted Gift vouchers available at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library.

Thank you for supporting this event.

