



Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome back to term 3! We hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and had a great start to the New Year! The end of term 2 was certainly busy and it was lovely to see so many of you in school for various productions and express events; thank you, as always, for all your support. A big thank you as well from all the staff for all the Christmas cards, gifts and wishes that were sent in.

It has been lovely to see the children return to school rested and ready to learn! We have quite a few new initiatives and developments coming up in the next few terms; so please do read the newsletter each week.

Welcome Back!

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Shepherd back to school following her maternity leave. Miss Shepherd has returned to teach year 5.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

We still have a few unclaimed raffle prizes in the office. Please do get in touch if you have yet to claim your prize.

Fitbits

The children may have mentioned that we will soon be giving all children in KS2 fitbits to wear during the school day (if they wish to participate). Children can count their steps and contribute to their tribal step totals. Watch out for more information soon!

Outdoor learning Pods

You may have noticed some work taking place in the woodland strip to the right of the playing field. Over the next few weeks, you will start to see the building of 10 new outdoor pods! These will be available for the children to play in as well as to carry out increased amounts of outdoor learning but will also enable us to camp out overnight in dry, secure huts! More information to follow shortly! The school is gradually building a significant set of facilities to enable outdoor learning to become a key feature of our provision and I am sure you will join with me in welcoming these new additions!

Entry System

If you have been in to the school office since the start of the term, you will know that we have an addition to our entry system. An intercom has been installed so that the office staff can communicate with visitors before opening the secure door. This adds another level of security to the school as previously all visitors had to be admitted through the main door before we could speak with them. In order to avoid hold ups, we have placed as much information / drop off boxes etc as possible in the front entrance. Please do let us know if there is other information we can place in this area that would be useful. Thank you.

Diary:

Please see the reverse of the newsletter for all key dates for this term.

Monday 8th January

Back to the Future music concert for Years 1-6

All clubs (including lunchtime clubs) begin this week

Tues 9th January

parent sharing session for Year R (9.15 to 10am)

Weds 10th January

Year 4 swimming begins

Astrodome visit for Years 1 and 2

Friday 12th January

Parent and Toddler group begins

Hot chocolate available in the Snack Shack at morning break (20p per cup)

Monday 15th January

Deadline for Year R applications



Messages

Please could we ask that everyone takes special care when dropping off children in the morning. There have been a few incidents reported to school in the last weeks of term 2 where cars and vans are parked in such a way that it is very difficult to see children crossing. We have also seen some children running across the 'drop off' zone road outside the school without looking. We have spoken to children about road safety and will do so again this term. Please help us by ensuring that you are not blocking any of the road ways. Thank you.

Rev. George has asked us to invite you to **Christingle** at the Parish Hall, Holy Trinity on the 21st January at 10am. Breakfast will be served! The event will help to support The Children's Society.



Snack Shack!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Hot Chocolate sale at the end of last term!

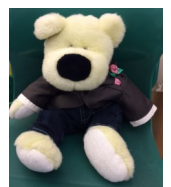
During the cold months, Mrs Hughes will be serving hot chocolate (at 20p per cup) from the Snack Shack every **Friday** at morning break.



Attendance

Whole school attendance dropped to 96.6% at the end of term 2 as lots of children caught coughs, colds and other viruses. We need to work hard to get our attendance back above 97% by the end of term 3.

Well done to Year 1 who won Reggie in the last 3 days of term!



Dates for the Diary—Term 3

Monday 8th January	Bach to the Future music concert for Years 1-6 All clubs (including lunchtime clubs) begin this week
Tuesday 9th January	Parent sharing session for Year R (9.15 to 10am)
Wednesday 10th January	Year 4 swimming begins Astrodome visit for Years 1 and 2
Friday 12th January	Parent and Toddler group begins
Monday 15th January	Applications for Year R deadline Football match (home) vs Halfway Houses Primary (2pm kick off)
Tuesday 16th January	Parent sharing session for Year R (9.15 to 10am)
Tuesday 23rd January	Parent sharing session for Year R (9.15 to 10am)
Wednesday 24th January	Year 3 class assembly at 9am: parents are very welcome to attend!
Thursday 25th January	Tribal sports day
Friday 26th January	Lesley Barber Girls' football cup competition (away at Greenfields) PTA film night
Saturday 27th January	Big Garden Birdwatch begins (Eco-council)
Tuesday 30th January	Parent sharing session for Year R (9.15 to 10am)
Wednesday 31st January	Family Trust assemblies
Friday 2nd February	Young Voices event at the O2 (choir)
Monday 5th February	Year 3/4 Express event (2pm start)
Tuesday 6th February	Parent sharing session for Year R (9.15 to 10am) Year 5/6 Express event (2.15pm start)
Wednesday 7th February	Year 2 class assembly at 9am: parents are very welcome to attend Nursery Express event (2pm start)
Thursday 8th February	Reception Express event (9.15am start) Year 2 Express event (9.30am start) Year 1 Express event (2pm start)
Friday 9th February	PTA Valentines' Disco / Non-uniform day End of term
Monday 19th February	Start of term 4

Please do refer to the newsletter each week for further information about all events.