

# Weekly Newsletter



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## **Infant children's free lunches**

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of infant parents who ensured their child took a school meal on our census day. This means that we easily met our target and will receive the full funding in future.

## **A cashless school**

After requests from parents, we have registered to become 'cashless'. We are now taking online payments for school dinners, trips etc., with a view to taking no cash for these services from September. Thank you to all the parents who have already signed and please make sure you register if you haven't already done so. If you have any questions about how this will affect you, please see Lucy Wicker, School Business Manager.

## **Changes to persistent absence criteria**

As of September 2015, the Government definition of a child with persistent absence will be once their attendance drops below 90%.

## **Home time**

We have noticed that children are sometimes not adequately supervised by parents on the school grounds at the end of the day. We are particularly concerned for the safety of children who, for example, are left to ride scooters down the hill or climb on goal posts. This also shows a lack of respect for school resources which are for the use of children during school hours. Please help us to maintain the safety and integrity of our site by leaving the premises by 3:30 pm. Thank you.

## **Poster competition**

Well done to the many children who have entered the Council's road safety competition. The standard of entries is very high and choosing the winner will be a real challenge! We will also need to liaise with the Council over the judging so stand by further news in due course.

## **Sports Day**

This year's Sports Day is planned for Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. The infant children will start their event at 9:30 am. All children will then have an early lunch so that the junior event can start at 1:00 pm. Children will be asked to wear a PE shirt in their owl team colour.

## **Inflatable Afternoon**

The Fundraisers are organising an inflatable afternoon next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Wristbands will be available for £5 on the gate for children aged 2 to 11. Pizza, refreshments and ice cream will also be available to purchase. Children need to be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. If you are able to help during the event, please let the Fundraisers know either through the school office or via [hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk).

The next Fundraisers meeting is on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 9:00 am in school. Everyone is invited to come along.

## **Sainsbury Vouchers**

Please bring in any vouchers you have as we will be ordering soon. Many thanks.

## **Menu**

Week 3 of the menu - please see the website for the new summer menus.

**Forthcoming dates**

8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Crucial Crew  
11<sup>th</sup> June – Inflatables Day  
12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June – Bikeability  
16<sup>th</sup> June– Early Years visit to Tropical Wings  
18<sup>th</sup> June – Able Writers Day  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Jazz Night  
4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer fete  
7<sup>th</sup> July – Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops  
7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 play  
9<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS to Y1 transition meeting for parents  
14<sup>th</sup> July – Open evening (3:00 to 6:00 pm)  
16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers theatre trip  
17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers disco  
22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of summer term  
Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September – children return to school

**Letters home**

5<sup>th</sup> – Rounders tournament

**Attendance – 97% target**

Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly Larch, Maple and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

**Congratulations**

**Bronze Certificates** went to Dilan Galapatha and John Ellis.

**Silver Certificates** went to Olivia Simmons, Grace Chege, Alexander Harvey, Mahith Vemula, Chloe Wheeler and Sophia Lee.