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'Striving for Excellence'
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NEWSLETTER 2
OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled into school well since September. We thank you for your ongoing support and adhering to Covid restrictions. This ensures the school is safe for all. This month the new PTA will start their "Covid" events to raise money for the school.

Mrs Dack

SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS

Swimming contributions for the Autumn term are now due and can be paid on Sims Pay. The cost remains £20 for 1st child, £15 for 2nd child and £10 for 3rd child. Foundation Stage pupils will swim in the Summer Term.

INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

Take place on Thursday 8th October from 9.00am. All school children will be photographed. In addition to their individual photograph children will be photographed with their school sibling(s). Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to offer pre school sibling photographs this year.

NON UNIFORM DAY IN AID OF JUST ONE TREE

The School Council will be supporting The Just One Tree Charity on Friday 16th October by holding a non uniform day. The children can wear something green to support the great work Just One Tree do replanting trees across Africa. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 which can be paid on Sims Pay.

PTA AGM & EVENTS

The next PTA Meeting is due to take place by Zoom on Wednesday 7th October. If you would like to attend please contact the PTA through their PTA Facebook page. The AGM was due to take place on Thursday 8th October this cannot be held now due to restrictions. The committee will email home the reports for you to view. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA or would like to volunteer some of your time, please see the information which was emailed home at the beginning of term. Their fund raising allows us to purchase extra resources for the school. Obviously it will be very hard to arrange events due to restrictions but the PTA are thinking of ways they can still raise funds for the school and the children can still have fun. The first event they have arranged is "Film Night Bubbles" on Thursday 15th October. Details will be sent home later.

PUPILS FLU IMMUNISATION

Pupils are due to have their Flu Nasal Spray vaccination at school on Tuesday 8th December 2020. We understand this is quite late and have tried to change the date but the immunisation team are unable to. If your child falls into a high risk category you will need to contact your doctors surgery to arrange for your child to receive their vaccination at an earlier date.

FOUNDATION STAGE PARENTS

All new parents should be receiving emails from school now, and have also received an invitation to register with Sims Pay our online payment system. We would also ask you to download the Sims Parent App which we now use as our main form of communication with parents. If you are having any problems registering please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. It will be a non uniform day. Pupils can come dressed in spots wear face paint or colour their hair!! We would ask for a minimum donation of £1 which can be paid on Sims Pay.

STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Mrs Edwards baby. Her little girl Esme arrived on 3rd September. We would also like to wish Mrs Kettlely all the best as she starts a new life in Suffolk. She is leaving after 15 years at the school. Mrs Heard has been appointed to Mrs Kettlely's position in the office.

NEW STARTERS SCHOOL TOURS

We are pleased to offer prospective new parents the opportunity to attend a tour of the school after school hours. These tours will be with The Head Teacher, Deputy Head and EYFS Teachers.

Tuesday 20th October at 3.30pm

Monday 2nd November at 3.30pm

Tuesday 10th November at 3.30pm

Monday 16th November at 3.30pm

Due to social distancing measures we can only allow 5 people on each tour. We would appreciate if only 1 parent per family attend the tour, but understand if this is not possible. We are using the NHS Track and Trace App and would ask you to check in when you arrive at school. We would also ask that you wear a face covering whilst on the school premises.

Please contact the office on 01621 853572 or email office@wentworth.essex.sch.uk, if you would like to book on a tour.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are celebrating Harvest Festival at school today and would like to thank everybody for the donations we have received.

FS GRANDPARENTS ASSEMBLY

As we are unable to hold our annual Grandparents Assembly for our Foundation Stage children this year. The teachers and staff are working hard to arrange a "Special Delivery" for all the Grandparents. The class teachers will provide more information soon!!

Friday 2nd October—Harvest Festival— Donations to Maldon Food Pantry. Details to follow.

Thursday 8th October—Children’s Individual and Sibling Photographs.

Thursday 15th October—PTA Film Night in class bubbles.

Friday 16th October—Non Uniform Day in aid of Just One Tree.

Tuesday 20th October—New FS Parent Tour 3.30pm Contact the office to book.

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October — **HALF TERM**

Monday 2nd November — Pupils return to school.

Monday 2nd November—New FS Parent Tour 3.30pm—Contact the office to book.

Tuesday 10th November— New FS Parent Tour 3.30pm—Contact the office to book.

Friday 13th November—Children in Need— Non uniform day Details to follow.

Monday 16th November—New FS Parent Tour 3.30pm—Contact the office to book.

Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November —Parent Consultations this will be a 10 min appointment with the class teacher which may be online.—Details to follow.

Friday 4th December—Decoration Day £2 contribution requested per child to support the purchase of extra resources. Details to follow.

Week commencing 7th December—Christmas Dinners - Details to follow.

Tuesday 8th December—Whole School Flu Immunisation—Details to follow.

Friday 11th December— FS & KS1 Nativity Day—Details to follow.

Friday 18th December—**Santa Day**

Friday 18th December—Last Day of Term.

Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021—Christmas holidays.

Monday 4th January 2021—**Inset Day.**

Tuesday 5th January 2021—Pupils return to school for the Spring Term.

Please note due to ongoing government restrictions events may be moved online, dates and times are also subject to change.