



## JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER No 10

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As I am writing this newsletter I can hardly believe that we have less than four weeks left until the end of the school year... where has it gone! The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of all that they have achieved.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Thea and her family who have recently joined Robins class and we hope that you quickly settle into the life of the school.

The weather has been a tad warm over the last few weeks, so please remember to send your child to school with a sunhat each day and to apply sun cream at home in the morning. The children spend time outdoors every day and although there are areas of shade it is impossible to keep them out of the sun all of the time.

### **Bookfair**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our recent book fair. We sold £416.76 worth of books and earned £191.70 worth of FREE books for the school.



### **Closure of Rascals Out of School Care**

We were saddened to hear the news of the impending closure of Rascals last week and am sure that you will join us in thanking Tim and Emma for the fantastic wraparound care that they have provided for our families over the last 20 years. They will certainly be a loss to our school community and we wish them every happiness in their well-earned retirement!

Moving forward we are very pleased that Activ8 will be providing Wraparound childcare from September. This will initially be hosted in the Infant school (for both Infant and Junior children), with the longer-term aim of moving into the Rascals building once this becomes available.

## Staffing update – Belated news!



We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Rachel Bean gave birth to baby Otto on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Both are doing really well and we are hoping to meet Otto face-to-face next Thursday when Mrs Bean and her husband Josh bring him in to visit us.

## Early Transition - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Our early transition to new classes is fast approaching. The children will visit their new classes on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July for the morning and will then move into those classes from **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July until the end of term**. Our current Y2 children will relocate to the Reception classrooms where they will become our temporary Y3 classes. More specific details about new classes/teachers and transition plans for our current Y2's will be sent out following the visit days on 5<sup>th</sup> July.



## Open evening / 'Meet the Teacher'– Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 – 6.00pm

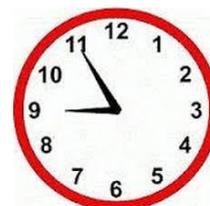


This year we will once again be holding our open evening where parents are able to view their child's work and meet their new class teacher.

**At 3.45pm and 5.00pm** there will be **short (15 min) presentations to parents in the children's new classes**. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher, see their classroom and find out about expectations for the year group. Please do try to make one of these meetings, as they will help prepare you for the coming year.

## New registration time from September 2023

You may be aware that the Government White Paper, issued in March 2022, proposed that Primary schools offer 32.5 hours per week of learning for children. Whilst this paper has since been 'shelved' and the expectation no longer exists, it prompted discussions between schools and Governors about what hours are currently provided.



Our staff and Governors have decided that in order to slightly increase our provision we will amend the school day so that **from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 registers will be taken at 8.55am instead of the current 9.00am. This means that children will be required to be in school by 8.55am each morning** and arrival after this time will be marked as 'late'.

This slight amendment to the school day means that no change is required to the Junior school hours and nor is the teachers directed time impacted upon. In addition, the children will benefit from an additional 25 minutes of learning per week. Doors will continue to open at 8.50am and the main playground gates will be closed at 8.55am.

We have three weeks until the end of term so you may want to start practising now!

## **Library/Reading books**

As we approach the end of term we will begin to collect in any Library or Reading books that you may have at home. Please have a good look at home so that all books can be returned to school and we can complete our audit and reorganisation during the summer break. Thank you.



## **Can you help?**



If you have any spare Duplo, Lego or other small construction kits which you are happy to donate to the school then the Midday Meals team would be very happy to have this to support their lunchtime activities. They are also looking for dressing up outfits – firemen, police and ambulance. Thank you in advance.

## **Leaving school early at end of term**

In previous years we have had a significant number of last-minute phone calls and emails asking to collect children early from school on the last day of term for medical appointments and emergency dental appointments. Once again, we will not be permitting this, as this has a significant impact on the office staff who end up spending most of their afternoon going backwards and forwards collecting children from classes, and this severely limits their ability to get on with their work.

We do try to support parents in making their arrangements, so if you know that you have a medical or dentist appointment on this day or that you need to collect your child early for travelling purposes, then please let the office staff know well in advance. This will enable us to plan ahead and arrange one pick-up time for all children. Last minute, on the day requests will unfortunately be declined. Thank you for your support in this.

## **Absences from School**

If parent/carers need to request absence from school, please ensure that an Absence Request Form is completed in advance of the time off. This form can be found in the stand in the school foyer and also on the school website. Please note that time off either directly before or after a holiday will be unauthorised unless evidence is provided to support the same.

## **Governors Corner - Parents Questionnaire 2023**

Thank you for completing the Parents Questionnaire this year. We received over 100 completed forms and these were collated and analysed by the school Governors prior to distribution to the school staff.

Parent's questionnaires are important. The results helps the school get a better understanding of parents' opinions and perspective towards the school, what is working well, but more importantly, helps the school make informed decisions on how to improve.

Overall, the results obtained were very encouraging. There was unanimous agreement, 99% agree/strongly agree, that every child is happy, feels safe at school, and would recommend the school to another parent. 95% say they have not had any concerns with bullying at school, and where they have, the school has dealt with them quickly and effectively. Similarly, the school gives the children with special educational needs and/or disabilities the support they need to succeed.

General consensus, 98% agree/strongly agree, is that every child is doing well at the school with a good majority, 80% agree/strongly agree, that the schools supports their child's wider personal development and informs parents on how their child is performing, albeit that some parents would like a wider selection of clubs and activities.

### **Support Ukraine**

As you know our new uniform suppliers, JW Sports, are supporting Ukraine by asking for donations as per the poster below.



"There is a Ukraine post-box located in the reception area in school. Due to recent missile attacks and flooding of homes there are thousands of people and animals in desperate need of help. Donations are transported to aid points in Ukraine via our reliable and trusted network of friends. We have been supporting Ukraine since the war started, please help us to continue doing so."

**Closing date: Thursday 13th July 23**

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### **LONG LIFE FOOD – ALL FOOD NEEDS TO BE IN DATE**

instant rice & pasta / tinned food / cereal/energy snack bars / baby foods & snacks

### **MEDICAL**

first aid kits / antiseptic/Sudocrem / bandages /dressings/ Fortislip/Complan drinks

### **HYGIENE**

toiletries / hygiene wipes / baby wipes / toothbrush, toothpaste / sanitary

### **HOUSEHOLD**

torches with spare batteries / power banks / sleeping bags – IN GOOD, CLEAN CONDITION PLEASE! / Candles

**NO CLOTHES NEEDED**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

## INSET days 2023/2024

For your information four of the five INSET days for next year have been set as follows. We are waiting for information about availability for Maths training in order to set the fifth date and will let you know as soon as possible about this.



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The term dates are available on the school website.

Thank you to you all for your ongoing support of your children and of the school. We love working with you and your children and your kind comments and feedback are very much appreciated.

Fingers crossed for a healthy and safe last four weeks of term.

*Claire New*

Claire New (Mrs)  
Headteacher



## Diary Dates



Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	-	Starlings Summer Assembly
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Woodpeckers Summer Assembly
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Transition morning to new classes
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Blackbirds Summer Assembly
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	-	RepTylers visiting Year 2
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Early transition – children move into new classes for rest of term
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Y2 transition visit to EPJS
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Open evening: Year group meetings at 3.45pm and 5.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	-	9.15am - Y2 Leavers Assembly FEPIS Discos & Y2 Leavers Disco
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	-	<b>FEPIS crazy hair/non-uniform day Term finishes at 3.15pm</b>

## Inset Days 2023-2024

We have now set the four inset days for 2023-24 (one still to be confirmed) and these are as follows:-

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