



Photo: Picking fresh apples from the trees at playtime!



Welcome back to a new school year! It has been a lovely start to the term, the children have enjoyed chatting with their friends again and getting back into routines. They have enjoyed seeing some of the changes to the school. The external decoration has progressed well and lots of the exterior painting has been completed. Some of the doors and panels are yet to be done and we still have few workmen on site finishing these off. The huff and puff/ sports equipment shed has also been refurbished with a new roof and is in the process of being repainted. Mr Woolley

Dates for your Diary:

- Mon 8 Sept – 3.30pm drop in to see new class Y1-6
Wed 10 Sept – First Day for new Year Rs (Buddies needed)
Wed 24 Sept – 2.45pm Squirrels Class phonics info (Particularly useful for Year 1 parents)
Tues 14 Oct – Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Wed 22 Oct – Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm
Mon 27-Fri 31 Oct Half Term
Mon 3 Nov – INSET Closure Day



Hedgehogs (Y3&4) Class Trips this Term

As you know, we use trips and visits to enrich the curriculum and bring learning alive for children and Hedgehogs Class (Y3&4) have a trip coming up soon. On Monday they will receive a letter about a trip to Butser Hill which will happen on 23 Sept. This is deliberately quite early in the term because it will help them understand historical learning about Iron Age Britain. We will of course ask parents to make a contribution for the cost. We legally have to always refer to these as 'voluntarily contributions' but the reality is we need this financial contribution from parents. The school budget cannot cover all the trips we do, we would be forced to make dramatic choices and reduce the overall number if parents couldn't help us cover costs. In addition to this trip, Hedgehogs class will also be going swimming later in the term and we will shortly be sending a letter about this to parents, again asking for a contribution. I wanted to reassure parents before you receive these letters, that there won't be anything else this term (ie Autumn I & II). I am conscious that these two requests are every close together so wanted to explain why this is the case.

INSET Days left for 25/26

- Mon 3 Nov
Mon 5 Jan
Mon 23 Feb
Fri 22 May

Pop in After School on Monday

As shared on the year overview sent in July, you are welcome to pop into class after school on Monday (8th). Collect as normal from the playground and then your child can show you their classroom and give you a quick tour (Y1 to Y6).

Badger (Y5&6) Buddies

Badgers Class (Y5&6) buddies did a fabulous job this morning, working with the new Year R children on the last of their taster mornings. They supported them really well, encouraging and modelling how to be in school. Year R start properly on Wednesday next week so you can expect to see some fresh new faces first thing. It is really helpful if those Year 5 & 6 buddies are here ready to welcome the Year R's in so, if possible, please arrive as soon as you are able.



Apple Picking

Though the long summer heat has affected the Autumn our apple trees are full of fruit and children have enjoyed picking one at playtime to eat, if they want to. The recent rain and winds have knocked a lot off so they won't last too long – hopefully!

Check you haven't missed these communications this week:

Thurs – Email to all: Spaces available in Mon. after-school dance club

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