



Dates for your Diary:

Tues 22 Sept – NHS Flu Vaccinations

Tues 22 Sept – 2.45pm
Info for Squirrels parents re phonics

Thurs 8 Oct – 9.15am
Info for Dormice parents re phonics & classroom

Tues 13 & Thurs 22 Oct
– Parents Evenings

Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct Half Term

Mon 2 Nov INSET
Closure

Tues 3 First Day back



Photo: New Year R playing with Year 6 buddies on their first day.

Welcome to our new Year R families! Our new children have had their first 'proper' day and have enjoyed a brilliant few days of school. They are already growing in confidence, partly due to the fabulous love and care being shown by our Year 6 buddies who are doing a wonderful job in helping the new Year Rs settle in. Well done to our Dormice: Douglas, Eloisa, Evie, Frank, Harry, Henry, Hudson, Indi, Jemima, Miles, Olive, Rosalie, Sebastian and Will who are now part of our school family!



How Our School Newsletter 'Works'

Since this is the first newsletter for our new families, I will explain how they 'work'; a good reminder too for everyone else, especially as there is a small redesign from last year. They come out every Friday so you can expect to receive it then, if you miss one you know you will have missed information – just contact the office for a copy or find on the school website. I deliberately use boxes so it's easy to scan and check to see if anything applies to you. The class animals will also help you cue into sections related to your child. The red boxes (such as this one) are for more urgent, important information or something happening next week. I also sometimes include a 'post-it-note' graphic to highlight an event next week. In the bottom left is a box detailing any communication sent so you can work out if you've missed something. I use the Newsletter as our prime means of communication to flag up important news, give reminders about things happening the next week, share dates and hopefully share a bit about what's going on in school. **If you take the time to read or even just scan the newsletter, you can't miss anything happening in school or ever say 'I didn't know about it' having missed an event!**

OFSTED Report Published

Our inspection from 23 June feels like a long time ago but in reality, it's only been just over 20 school days. Thanks too for so many of you, who have passed on your 'congratulations' and also that the report captures the character of our school well. Some highlights for me:

Pupils behave very well across the school.

Broad, engaging and ambitious curriculum.

Pupils achieve well.

Pupils develop confidence, resilience and positive character.

Work and play together happily and show kindness, cooperation and respect. Positive relationships help create the school's warm, family atmosphere.

Pupils feel supported and the school is a safe place to learn.

High expectations and an unwavering commitment to providing the best possible education and care for every child.

Highly inclusive school where every pupil is welcomed and valued.



INSET Days left for 26/27

- Mon 2 Nov
- Mon 4 Jan
- Mon 22 Feb

Communications this week:

- **Mon 7th Sept** – Email to all re OFSTED report publication & copy of report
- **Tues 8th Sept** – Flu vaccination info sent - consent via NHS link

Flu Nasal Vaccinations

We sent information regarding the flu vaccinations on Tuesday. These are conducted in school with an easy, safe, nasal spray – the majority of children are comfortable taking them. We never force a child and the NHS nurses who come in to administer are always lovely! **Please note that parents need to either consent or decline via the NHS link on the letter by 18th September.**

I did a bit of data analysis last year around this. In October / November when colds and bugs started to be common, the children who had received the vaccine had an average absence of 1.1 sessions per child whereas those who didn't have the vaccine averaged 3.3. This is not a scientific study of course, not statistically valid or a direct causal link but there was a correlation! I will certainly be getting my flu jab as soon as it's available!

Information Sheets

Class information sheets have been sent out for Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers Classes by now, containing details of curriculum learning this term. We hope these are useful.