

Welcome Back and the Year Ahead

A warm welcome back to our families, including the new families joining our reception classes. Thank you on behalf of all our staff for the wonderfully generous gifts, cards and messages at the end of last year. It was very humbling to read the messages and see staff really quite emotional about the praise they received from many of you.

The year ahead is an exciting one and we already have some exciting plans and ideas bubbling away. Below are some reminders and ideas in how you can help support the school and feedback to us so we can continue to work together to give our children the very best possible experiences.

Good Fridays Every Friday at 9am a class from our school celebrates their learning and we invite parents in to join us if they are able to. Dates for assemblies are below. We also open this assembly with our Good Friday nominations. Family or friends who feel their children have gone above and beyond for a special event or act email or write to me and I can share this with our whole school community.

Parent Focus Group The second Friday in every term, at approximately 9.45am, I host an informal coffee and chat with any parents available in our staffroom. I am able to discuss plans or ideas with parents and get some face to face feedback and opinions from parents to inform our school development. This is open to any parent able to attend.

Parking This has improved significantly in the past year with the community area around our school becoming a much safer place for all concerned than it has been in the past. However we still see dangerous parking and driving from adults. Please remember to park safely and not to mount pavements, block driveways, double park or park too close to road junctions. We only wish to leave space for emergency vehicles and to keep our children safe.

Awkward – I must ask all parents to be aware on school site, even when children are not in sight they often hear adults talking. Please can parents remember not to swear, even if they are very passionate about what they are discussing. The few incidents of this haven't been aggressive, just a slip of the tongue but even accidentally, it is not appropriate for children to hear this language.

Matt Rawling
Headteacher

Term 1 & 2 Assembly Dates:

Friday, 14th September 2018 – Hammerhead Sharks
Friday, 21st September 2018 – Sea Turtles
Friday, 28th September 2018 – Emperor Penguins
Friday, 5th October 2018 – Bottlenose Dolphins
Friday, 12th October 2018 – Siberian Tigers
Friday, 19th October 2018 – Gorillas
Friday, 2nd November 2018 – Basking Sharks
Friday, 9th November 2018 – Remembrance Assembly
Friday, 16th November 2018 – Loggerhead Turtles
Friday, 23rd November 2018 – Galapagos Penguins
Friday, 30th November 2018 – River Dolphins
Friday, 7th December 2018 – Medal Assembly – KS1 9am
and KS2 10am
Friday, 14th December 2018 – Christmas Assembly

Term 1 & 2 dates for your diary:

Parent Focus Group – Friday, 14th September 2018
Individual photos – Friday, 12th October
Parents' Evening – Thursday, 18th October 2018
Term 1 Ends – Friday, 19th October 2018
Term 2 Starts – Monday 29th October 2018
Parent Focus Group – Friday, 9th November 2018
Reception Christmas Show – Tuesday, 4th December @ 2pm and
Wednesday, 5th December @ 5pm
Year 2 Nativity – Tuesday, 11th December @2pm and Wednesday
12th December @ 5pm
Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, 12th December 2018
Classroom Open Afternoon – Thursday, 13th December 2.30pm –
2.50pm
Interim Report to Parents – Friday, 14th December 2018
Term 2 Ends – Friday, 14th December 2018