



January Newsletter



Happy New Year! I would like to thank the Parents, Parents 'Association, Governors and Staff for their support and encouragement during 2019. We look forward to another successful year during 2020. It got off to a great start when the children came through the gates on the 7th January with such enthusiasm and happiness.



Term 2 Dates

30th January	Deadline for online applications for Nursery and Primary 1 Admissions
7th February	Supporting documentation for Nursery applications deadline
12th-14th February	Parent Teacher Meetings
17th – 20th February	Mid Term – school closed

PRIMARY PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS	Wednesday 12 th February	Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th February
	Normal school day for all children	School closes for Nursery at 12.00, P1-4 at 12.15 and P4-7 at 12.25pm
Primary 1-4	Meetings start at 2.00pm until 3pm	Meetings start at 1pm
Primary 5-7	Meetings start at 2.00pm until 3pm	Meetings start at 1.10pm

Dinners on 13th & 14th Feb only for those who receive free meals

School Dinners

Please ensure that School meals are booked on the school app by 8am each day. This will allow for Paypal payments to be made and the system to be updated and lists to be printed for teachers by 8 50am.





The school app is also used to book slots at the After School Club. Please ensure that you have booked the correct slots and advised your child of the arrangements that have been made for them.

Important- if the slot you wish to book is already full, please do not book an alternative slot in the expectation that this will secure a place at the desired time. We can accept no more than 25 children in each slot.

Wipe out Waste

Pack waste free food!

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?

Pack

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or back-pack

Avoid

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items

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LATE ARRIVAL OF CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions, the important start of day routine and the **start of their learning**.

Your child may **feel frustrated** at having to enter the classroom late and find it **harder to settle** into the school day. This **WILL disrupt their learning**. In addition, their late arrival may impact on the learning of other children.

Minutes late per day during the school year can quickly add up.	Equals days worth of learning lost in a year.
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
25 minutes	20.7 days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of **learning lost**, and can **seriously disadvantage** your child.

During their visits each term, the Education Welfare Service monitors attendance and also focuses on children who are late arriving at school.

