

September Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful summer. It is great to see the children come back to school for the new school year. There is definitely a buzz of excitement and anticipation from them. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to help ensure that the children can achieve their highest potential during the year ahead. In order to be successful, the children need support from both the home and school. We believe that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We ask that you continue to guide and support your child's learning by working in partnership with the school and your child's teachers during the year ahead.

School Closures 2019/20

| Year | Month | Inclusive Dates |
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| 2019 | Sept | 27 |
| | Oct | 28- 31 |
| | Nov | 1 and 11 |
| | Dec | 23-31 |
| | Jan | 1-6 |
| 2020 | Feb | 17-20 |
| | March | 16 - 17 |
| | April | 9 - 17 |
| | May | 4, 25 |

Please note – in addition to holiday closures, five Staff Training days have been included. These days may be subject to change due to facilitator availability and collaboration with other schools. We will advise if necessary.



Communication with Parents

The school and teachers will communicate with parents in the following ways:

- Text
- School app
- SeeSaw
- Facebook
- Paper notes (Paper notes are used less frequently)



We would be grateful if all parents could ensure that they have read all communications and refer to the school app, text, SeeSaw, note rather than phoning the school office.

Event Dates

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| 18 th October | Sponsored Event |
| 23 rd – 25 th October | Parent Teacher Meetings School will close early for all children on the 25 th and 26 th October |
| 29 th Oct- 1 st Nov. | Mid Term Break |

Walking Bus

We all know how busy the school gates can be at the start of each day. To make things easier for everyone why not take your child to one of the adult led walking buses.



Meet a Walking Bus One close to the Spar Garage near the hospital roundabout from 8.35am leave at 8.45am to walk to school.



Join the Walking Bus Two which leaves from here at 8.40am (Kernan Hill Manor, at the cycle path). It is only a 5 minute walk to school from here.

Walking to school promotes healthy children and allows those who take part to arrive at school energised and ready for school work. It also reduces traffic at the school gates and helps to save time for parents and carers

The School App

This year we will continue to make use of the school app for making payments for the following:

- **School dinners (bookings need to be made by 9am on relevant day)**
- **Nursery fees (bookings need to be made by 9am each Monday)**
- **After School Care Service (bookings need to be made by 1pm on relevant days)**
- **School trips**

When making a payment, please make sure that you have completed the transaction. On some occasions we are finding that payments are recorded as 'pending' on the school records. This may be simply a delay with Paypal, however, it could also be a case of a transaction not being completed fully.

SCHOOL UNIFORM LABELLING

Please label your child's belongings. There are so many items lost each year. To save your money and prevent inconvenience please ensure that you label your child's clothing and lunchboxes. Identifiable items are so much easier to return.

