



Dear Parents/Carers

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to meeting with you on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

You should have received your appointment slip for Parents' Evening. If not please see your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

I have asked staff to stick as rigidly as possible to the times allocated for parent interviews. If you find that your ten-minute slot is insufficient, please arrange another mutually convenient time with your child's teacher. This way, we hope to avoid parents having to wait for long periods and those parents with more than one interview being inconvenienced.

Framed Artwork

An array of your children's artwork will be displayed in the hall on both parents' evenings. Work will be framed and can be bought for £6.00. In the past this opportunity has proved very popular. Images – the company who have framed the work make a donation to the school for every frame sold.

Scholastic Book Fair

We have had a wonderful response to the book fair so far.

The fair will be open between 8.45 – 9.15 am and 2.45-3.15 pm every day next week (provided we do not run out of stock!) The fair will also be open at parent's evening.

You will gather that it would be a good idea to bring cash or your cheque book to parent's evening!

I am very grateful to Wendy Fawcett and Jo Birch for their help with the book fair this week.

Official Opening of New Building Work

Mr Bryn Marsh (Strategic Director Children's Services in Sefton) will be visiting us next Friday morning to officially open the new office suite and foyer. I am delighted that Mrs Janet Waggett and Mrs Alison Skyner will be returning to St. John's for the occasion.

Illegal Parking on Rufford Road

Our excellent lollipop lady is very concerned at the number of cars that regularly park illegally (on the yellow zigzags and even on the pavement.) These vehicles prevent her from seeing when it is safe to disrupt the flow of traffic to enable children to cross.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING ILLEGALLY OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL.

I met with our local policeman yesterday; he promises that the police will be increasingly vigilant in fining drivers who park illegally.

Children's Hair

Last night the school governors decided to add the following section to our school prospectus/parent's guide.

Children's hair

Children's hair should be neat and tidy at all times. Children with long hair are required to wear it tied back for reasons of health and safety (e.g. in PE lessons,) to prevent it from distracting their vision and to help prevent the spread of headlice.

Children are not allowed to wear any elaborate hair decoration or other styles of a generally inappropriate nature for school (e.g. unnaturally coloured or with shaved lines or symbols.)

I did not notice any children in school today who were contravening this guidance. I hope it is helpful to you should your child want a change of style.

Holidays During in Term Time

The Governors also approved a new form to be completed by parents applying to take children out of school during term time.

Milk

The order form for pupils to have milk in the next half term was distributed this week. All orders must be placed with Mrs Smithson by noon on Wednesday 15th February at a cost of £5.70.

Fruit

As many of you may know the Government have a Healthy Eating scheme which gives pupils in Key Stage One a free piece of fruit every day.

We have decided to extend this service and give parents of pupils in Key Stage Two the opportunity to buy a piece of fruit for their child/ren.

The scheme will run in a similar way to the milk scheme and order forms have been distributed this week. Mrs Smithson should receive any orders by noon on Monday 13th February at a cost of £4.50.

Parenting 2000

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join Anne-Marie and Rachel from 9 am.

Headlice

Please check your child's hair for headlice every week. Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Gill Thorpe) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

Bonus Ball

Last week's winner was Donna Reynolds with number 21 – well done!

Term Dates

February

14th Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30 pm

15th Parents' Evening 6-8 pm

17th Half term starts at 3.10 pm

27th Term re-starts at 8.55 am

March

31st Mufti Day for PFA Easter Bingo

April

3rd PFA Bingo

4th Venture Productions – 'Pearl of Wisdom'

6th Discos

7th Easter Service 9.30 am

Term ends 1.45 pm

Best wishes

Mr D Hains
Headteacher