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New School Year

School has started off very calmly!

The INSET days were really useful especially with so many teachers moving classes and year groups. If you haven't seen the year 3/4 circus do pop in and have a look.

A summary of what each year group will be learning will be sent out next week.

We have started a system of house points with a weekly cup presented on Fridays for the most points earned during that week. The children were incredibly enthusiastic at the first presentation this morning (Greens won!) A key part of this plan is to have mixed-age House competitions and events so that children become much more familiar with other children in the school outside their peer group. Watch this space! For new parents.....

- There is a weekly (paper!) newsletter every Friday.
- We keep the website updated weekly with the newsletters if you miss the paper copy as well as putting up key policy documents and news.
- We do have an 'open door' ethos, so do feel free to try to talk to teachers after school (or very, briefly before). Mr Wood (Deputy head) does not have a class this year (except on Mondays) so he will be 'around and about' much more and my door is nearly always open. Obviously this doesn't mean that the member of staff you'd like to see is always available, however the office will always take, pass on or respond as quickly as possible to messages; verbal, telephone, written or email.

We really value feedback and communication from parents, whether it is about your child or about the school in general. So, if you have a concern, a question, a request, a suggestion or even a simple observation (negative or positive!)..... Please! Please! Please! Communicate it to the appropriate person in the school and we'll do our outmost to respond.

Dates for your Diary

- Sept 20** Eid
Sept 21 Earth Connect @ Church (Yr 6)
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Sept 22 Yr 3 & 4 Circus Day
Sept 24 Pupil Photos (am)
Sept 29 3.30-5.30 meet your child's teacher
Sept 30 Yr 3&4 magic Science Show
Oct 1 3.30-5.30 meet your child's teacher
Oct 5 Yr 6 to Lifeskills
Oct 6 Harvest Festival 11.00
Oct 16 Diwali
Oct 21 Yrs 3&4 Circus performance
Mid term break: week starting Oct 26
Dec 4 Yr 6 Christmas Fair
Dec 16 Carol Concert 7.00 pm
Dec 18 Last day of term 2
Jan 4 Monday First day of Term 3

INSET DAYS 2009-2010

Nov 2 April 1 June 25

Music Lessons

Start next week

Tuesday: Flutes, Guitars & Harmonicas
 Wednesday: Strings & Clarinets
 Friday: Guitars

Safety

Over the summer there has been a focus on trying to ensure we minimize the possibility of accidents.

Benches: The benches outside the library have all been refurbished and the 'pergola' seats have all had extra bolts put through. We have given a clear message to children that these are not for climbing or jumping on and it would be helpful if parents with younger children perhaps picking up at the end of the day could reinforce this.

First Aid Training: 20 School Staff have had updated First Aid Training and in the light of this we are reviewing the 'Dealing with/reporting Accidents Policy. Copy available soon.

Damages & Breakages: there is now a book in the office for anyone to report damage, breakages or dangers. Although we do carry out regular safety checks it is possible parents may be the first to notice something and we would encourage you to report this to the office ASAP

 * Individual Pupil's *
 * photos *
 * Sept 24 (Morning) *
 * Sibling (including Infant) groups *
 * from 9.00am. Individual photos *
 * are also used for the 'all pupils' *
 * poster in the lobby which *
 * children love to be on, so try not *
 * to be absent! *
