



Spring Term 2012

Events Diary

Thursday 26th January - Parent Forum 7.00pm
Wednesday 1st February - 4pm-5pm Letters and Sounds Tea Party
Thursday 9th February - SPSA Coffee Morning
Thursday 9th February - Messy Church
Friday 10th February - NON PUPIL DAY
Friday 10th February - Memorial service for Mrs Roberts 10.00am, St. Peter's Church
Sunday 12th February - Family Service
Monday 13th - Friday 17th Half Term
Wednesday 29th - FSU Day out at Escot
Thursday 1st March - World Book Day - Books for Africa
Thursday 8th March - Messy Church
Sunday 11th March - Family Service
Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March - Parent Open Evenings
Friday 30th March - Last Day of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Forum meeting is tomorrow Thursday 26th January at 7pm - 9pm. Just to remind you that all are welcome especially new parents. Come and make a contribution to our school. An agenda is now on the school website along with the minutes of the previous meeting. The meeting will focus on some of the issues that the Parent questionnaire has raised along with the comments raised for discussion in the parent forum suggestion box. The minutes of the meeting will be placed on the website following the meeting.

Free School Meal Entitlement

A reminder to parents that if your circumstances change your child/children could be entitled to Free School Meals.

How do I qualify for Free School Meals?

Parents/guardians who receive **any** of the following benefits are entitled to Free School Meals:-

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credit **without** Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMR&C) of less than £16,190
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals for a four week period only, please call us on **0845 155 1019** for advice.

Memorial Service for Mrs Roberts

Just to remind you that on Friday 10th February at 10am we are holding a memorial service for Mrs Roberts. You will note that this is an official day of school closure. I have chosen this day as it enables all current staff to attend. Thank you to those you have replied already, if you haven't please complete the reply slip at the end of the letter and return to the box on the piano in the school hall. We need to know which children will be there to take part in readings and to perform in the choir. We hope to have plenty of support.

Family Service

On the Sunday 12th February there will be a Family Service at St Peter's Church at 9.30am. We are looking for lots of children to contribute through readings, prayers and singing. Please see Mr Elliott or Mr Perkins if your child/children are able to participate.

Can You Help?

We have just started to offer our Foundation children school dinners. It is proving to be very successful. To help serve the lunches in the Foundation Unit we could really do with a Hostess Trolley. If anyone has one that we could borrow, please could you call the school office on 01395 443167.



Letters and Sounds Tea Party

On Wednesday 1st February Foundation and Reception parents can find out more about the teaching of Phonics which is integral to reading and writing in the Early Years. There will be a chance to see videos of activities the children have been engaged in and a chance to try some yourselves.



Chinese New Year

The kitchen celebrated the Chinese New Year with a special menu on Monday with over a 100 meals being cooked for the children. This was a great success. The kitchen staff are keen to provide other special themed meals, if you have any ideas/suggestions please see Juliette or Sarah.

Due to Mr Elliott being away from school today we are unable to list the Headteacher awards in this newsletter, if your child has received a Headteacher award this week it will appear in next week's newsletter.

We are excited and impressed in all the various ways in which children are achieving to a high level and making a contribution to our school.

Best Wishes,

Malcolm Elliott
Acting Headteacher.

Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for Mrs Roberts Friday 10th February 10.00am

Family surname _____

No. of adults attending: _____ No of children attending: _____