



Be Nice

This is our whole-school focus for the half-term. We'll be encouraging the children to 'be nice' to others, exploring ways to 'be nice' and celebrating those who do so.

Parent Conferences begin next week

You will have received a letter regarding Autumn term parent conferences. Please ensure that you have booked an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

Open Class Morning Thur Oct 2nd

We will be inviting parents into school from time to time this year. We value parental input greatly and look forward to seeing parents in school on Thursday 2nd Oct. More details to follow in the next week or so....

Playground Update

The playground is edging ever nearer to completion. We hope to open it early in October. We'll let you know as soon as it's ready. Incidentally, the best way to get up-to-the minute is to follow us on Twitter, or to check the Twitter feed on our website. Details above.

Procedures for absence

If your child is absent from school, please remember that you need to inform the school office on the morning of the absence. We have a policy of calling all parents to find out reasons for absence if not informed previously.

Name labels in uniforms

Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are labelled clearly with his/her name. This makes it possible for us to return items to children when they get misplaced around the school.

Parent Corann Malcolm will be organising another Uniform Exchange Day for parents in the near future. Thanks, Corann!

MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning

Come to our MacMillan Cancer Trust Coffee Morning on Friday 26th Sep from 9:00am in the small hall (ask if you're unsure where to go). This is a chance to meet other parents while helping to raise money by buying coffee and cake. We would very much appreciate cake donations on Thursday 25th or on the day of the event. There will be a sweepstake too on the day of the event.

Children will also be joining in in this event in their classrooms with their own child-friendly juice mornings. We would like donations of 50p per child to take part. If you like to get involved and help out on the day, please see Mrs Sweeney or Miss Fox on the playground.

See you there!

Parent Workshop on Friday Sep 26th

We will be running a workshop for parents at 9.30am on Friday 26th Sep on phonics. It will be run by Mr Parkhouse and Miss Sweet and will really help you to support your child's reading. Why not come along after popping into the coffee morning?

Dance Club

We are pleased to be running a Dance Club for Y3 and Y4 pupils on Thursdays at 3.45pm. If you haven't replied and would like your child to join, please let Miss Davis know or contact the school office. More clubs will be starting soon so keep your eyes peeled...

Attendance

Our target for this year is 96%.

This week's attendance by class is:-

Bath	94.9%	Bristol	99.4%	Durham	94.5%
Exeter	89.7%	Imperial	98.6%	Kings	96.2%
Lancaster	97.4%	Loughborough	99.4%		
Oxford	99%	Warwick	96%	York	96.6%

Overall attendance this week was 96.5%

For the majority of classes attendance was very good this week. Well done!

As a school, we're focusing on improving our writing this year. There's some great descriptive writing going on in Y6...

Tip-toeing on the cold dirt ground, the frightened girl crept inside. The wind was whispering an eerie sound like a ghost noise. Water was dripping from the cold damp walls making a puddle on the moist ground. Suddenly she saw a light! Was it the way out she asked herself. There was a sound like an animal scurrying across the ground. Aii hid! She didn't know what it was. Now she was too scared to move. Unfortunately the door had slammed shut behind her. She had to go! Taking a deep breath the frightened girl moved towards the light.

As she charged through the light, Aii realised that she had made a mistake. It was a rusty old light bulb that was flickering in just another empty room. Suddenly there was a clatter from the distance, letting out a horrific scream she ran for and fast. She heard footsteps coming from behind and beside her. Not concentrating, she tripped and hurt her knee badly. The footsteps were coming closer. Losing hope, she fainted. She awoke to feel herself being dragged across the damp floor.

I can use connectives to give order or emphasis eg if, so, as to, despite