

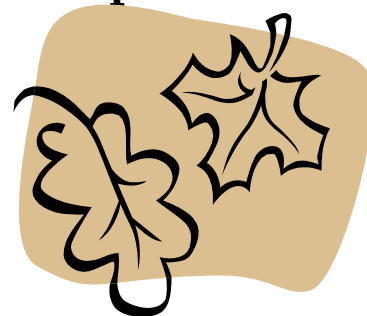
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Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to a new school year! The children have made a fantastic start to our school year—they are superbly presented in their school uniforms—thank you. This year we are promoting Reading throughout our school community and hope you will continue to support our work.

New Faces

Within the school there are new members of staff and we welcome them to our school. In addition to 37 new Reception children, 14 other children have transferred from other schools. Welcome to you all!

School Librarians

Pupils in Years 4 and 5 are invited to apply to be school librarians. Information will be given to all children in these year groups and applications need to be made by Friday 16th September.

School Dinners

Our very popular school dinners continue to be excellent value for money for Key Stage 2—£2 a day, £10 a week, £138 for the term. This week we have added a salad bar; all children are welcome to help themselves to salad options in addition to any main meal choice.

Water Bottles

Our school policy is for all water bottles to contain **WATER** and not juice or squash. This follows medical and dental advice for all children. All children are encouraged to drink water at school.

Couch to 5K

'The road is shorter when shared with friends'. We are hosting this opportunity for beginner runners from our playground from Wednesday 14th Sept 9.10—10am. A detailed leaflet will be sent home with every pupil.

Meal Time Assistant

We have a vacancy for a new member of staff to join our excellent team. Further details from the School Office.

Building Work

Over the summer break we have undertaken a number of exciting building projects in order to continue improving our school.

These include:

- Installation of a lift to enable access to the first floor
- Creation of a new library
- New Nursery entrance
- Installation of toilets in the outside classrooms
- Redesign of toilets within Nursery and Reception classrooms
- New outdoor equipment in the Reception playground

At the end of this half term the Reception classes will be moving to the new block, Nursery will move in to the existing reception rooms and Nursery will be a flexible space for the thriving Breakfast and After School Clubs. We believe that these moves will provide enhanced environments for our children.

New Playground Equipment

Parents must supervise their children before and after school in this area. In particular, the covered sandpit is not strong enough for young children to stand on and the blue wired frame is NOT a climbing wall—it is a mesh for children to explore and design water tubes.

Bag 2 School—advance notice

Please note the new collection date—Friday 30th September. Bags containing used clothing (no bedding) should be brought to the KS2 roundabout by 9am. Bags will be sent home next week.

Parent Toddler Group

Due to the start of term and the planned class moves, this group will run for 3 weeks starting on Wednesday 21st September 1.30-3pm.

Diary Dates

Family Assemblies in the Hall @9.10

Friday 7th October—Year 6
Friday 14th October—Year 1
Friday 21st October—Year 2
Friday 4th November—Year 3
Friday 11th November—Year 4
Friday 18th November—Year 5
Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December
Nativity by Nursery and Reception

Events this Half Term

Mon 12th Sept—Tavistock College Y5/6
Parents' meeting 6pm
Tues 13th Sept—Governors' Meeting
Wed 14th Sept—Couch to 5K 9.10am
Wed 21st Sept—Junior Life Skills Y6
Wed 21st Sept—Netball Tournament
Wed 28th Sept—Alter Ego Theatre Y4
Thurs 29th Sept—Photographs (individual) for all pupils
Fri 30th Sept—Bag 2 School collection
Tues 4th Oct—Harvest @ St Eustachius Church 9.45am
Tues 4th Oct—Football Tournament
Fri 7th Oct—Multi Skills Y2
Thurs 13th Oct—Internet Safety
Parents' Meeting 6pm (no children)
Fri 14th Oct—Multi Skills Y3
Mon 17th Oct—Internet Safety workshops Y5 and Y6
Mon 17th Oct and Tues 18th Oct—Parents' Evenings
Tues 18th Oct—Tri Golf event
Thurs 20th Oct—Children's University
Gold Graduation @ Plymouth University

Term Dates

Non Pupil day—Wednesday 12th Oct
Half Term—24th to 28th Oct
End of Term—Friday 16th December
Spring Term—Tuesday 3rd January
Spring Half Term—13th to 17th Feb
Easter Holiday—3rd to 17th April
Half Term—29th May to 2nd June
Non Pupil day—Monday 5th June
End of Year—Friday 21st July

