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UPCOMING DIARY DATES 2015-2016

Sat, 10th Oct –7.30 p.m.

Family Quiz Night at the church hall. Proceeds to Penders Project. Cost £5 per adult £2.50 per child. All welcome—BYOD

Tues, 13th Oct

Parent Workshops—see below for details

Wed, 14th Oct

KS1 & 2 coffee morning 9.00.am

Fri, 16th Oct

Year 5F assembly – 5F Parents welcome 9.20 a.m.

Fri 16th Oct,

Mons Overton will be form signing for secondary school applications and reception applications from 2.30p.m. to 3.45 p.m. at the school & 6.30 p.m. to 7.30p.m. at the Presbytery for those of you who are unable to attend the afternoon sessions.

w/c 19th Oct

Bikeability for Year 6 children

Fri, 23rd Oct

Year 5B assembly - 5B parents welcome 9.20 a.m.

w/c 26th Oct

Half term week

Mon, 2nd Nov

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs, 12th Nov

PTA meeting 7.30 p.m.

Headteacher's Update

The circus has left town! It seems as if most of the children managed to see the shows over the weekend and it was also nice to see other families at the school too. The weather was beautiful, which always helps, and the stalls were very successful. All in all, we raised in the region of £2,400 for the PTA, which is a great achievement but more than this, the experience will live long in the memory for the children and has inspired their learning. Once again, my sincere thanks to those parents and staff that gave up all or part of their weekend to help make the event a success.

I must say it was nice to return to normality this week — whatever that means in a primary school! The Reception parents had a coffee morning on Monday, which I hope helped them to begin to form relationships and bond with each other. We also had school photographs today. I have been very cruel and made all of the staff have their photograph taken so that they can eventually be displayed in the foyer. I think this will help parents and visitors put names to faces — it must be hard for you all to keep up with who's who!

I would like to encourage you all to attend the Parent Workshops next Tuesday evening. The teachers and I will talk you through how you can best support your child at home with their learning. We will talk about the importance of homework but also share some key features of the curriculum in Reading, Writing, Maths and R.E. The teachers will also give you some specific advice on how you might support your child meet the curriculum expectations. It is important to remember that we are into our second year of teaching the new National Curriculum. There have been some significant changes to the content taught and increased end of year expectations. It is very important that you understand this and are able to continue to support your child's progress so please come along! After each presentation, you will have a chance to say hello to a member or two of our Governing Body. Our Governors are all volunteers who work behind the scenes to oversee the strategic development of the school. They are always keen to meet parents and listen to feedback. I look forward to seeing you there! Mr Lane

Parent Workshops & Meet the Governors: 13th October 2015

We will be holding parent workshops on the theme: *"How can I support my child with English and Maths at home?"* The aim of each workshop is to provide guidance and advice for how you might best support your child's learning at home, with a focus on homework routines, learning in English and in Maths. The workshops will be led by the class teachers and split over the evening so that you receive information pertinent to your child's age range. The workshops will run as follows:

- 4—4.45pm - Reception
- 5—5.45pm — Year 1&2
- 6—6.45 pm — Year 3&4
- 7—7.45 pm - Year 5&6

After each workshop, there will be a chance to share a glass of wine or a soft drink with some of the school governors, who are always keen to receive your feedback.



Key Stage 1 & 2 Coffee Morning: Weds, 14th October at 9am

The Key Stage 1 & 2 parents a warmly invited to a coffee morning in the Parent's Hut on the Key Stage 2 playground from 9.00am on Wednesday. This will allow you to share a tea or coffee with other parents.

INSET Day

Please remember that the school will be closed for an INSET Day on Monday, 2nd November 2015.

Playground Safety

Please could you ensure that younger siblings stay close to you at pick up time so that they don't get lost. The children are not allowed to play behind the hut on the playground.

Open Day for 2016 Reception Children: Wednesday, 25th November 9.30am

We will be holding a further open day for the parents of children reaching their 4th birthday between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and are wishing to apply for our Reception classes in September 2016. Mr Lane will make a presentation, which will be followed by a short tour of the school. Please pass the information on to any parents that may be interested.

Next week, we will be following menu 1

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