



Dear Parents and Carers,

14th February 2022

I hope you have managed to book your Parent Meeting appointment for straight after half term. I'll be sending further information at the end of the week regarding how to connect to your call on the day.

Our Y4 children, the choir and guitarists are looking forward to their performance at the Gala Theatre on Wednesday night. It's exciting but very nerve wracking too. It's definitely a character-building experience and one they won't forget. Thanks to all parents who are coming to support them, that's what makes it extra special.

As we approach half term, we break up for a week's holiday this Friday, I just wanted to remind you about a few things.

We've had Safer Internet Day this week and the children have explored many aspects of how to keep safe on the internet. One of the things the older children explore is that you have to be mindful of what you put on social media – once there, it can't be taken away and sometimes people will post things that they might not have said to someone face-to-face.

With this in mind I want to remind all parents about voicing complaints about our school on social media. If you have any concerns at all then the way to voice these is by contacting us directly at school. It's very easy to jump to the wrong conclusions if you only have one side of the story. Please come to us rather than posting things on social media. We will endeavour to investigate the matter and seek a swift solution. I have been made aware of concerns voiced on social media regarding children going to the toilet during lesson time. As children get older the expectation is that they will go to the toilet at break times and lunchtimes. Children are frequently reminded of this to help avoid them having to leave the classroom during lesson time, missing out on valuable learning. However, the teacher will not stop children going to the toilet but they will actively encourage them to make sure they do go to the toilet during their break times. If children are frequently asking to go to the toilet during lesson time then contact will be made with parents to discuss this further. If children have a medical reason that means they need to go to the toilet more frequently then it is important that we are informed of this.

End of the school day

We have a staggered end of the school day to support parents in picking up their children if they have children in different year groups. It is only a short period of time that parents have to wait. During this time can you ensure that you keep your child with you and don't let them play on the equipment in the school grounds. It ensures the children are safe and supervised and avoids any distractions for the children who are still in class. Thank you.

Dogs on the school grounds

Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds at any time. Can you please ensure that if you choose to bring your dog to school for drop up or pick up you do not enter the school grounds.

School Dinners

The price of a school dinner will increase on 4th April to £2.20 for Y3 to Y6.
Pre-School meals will increase to £2.64.

Don't forget, if your financial situation changes your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please let us know as we will give you a form to complete to find out if your child can benefit from this. It benefits the school too as gives us additional funding to support the education we offer.

This applies to all children from Pre-School to Y6.

Thanks for your continuing support. We hope the children enjoy their half term break.

Kay Hemmings
Head Teacher