

# Headlines

20<sup>th</sup> October 2017



## Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are at half term already and a sixth of the school year is over. I am amazed at how much we have already crammed in since the summer holidays. The children have had lots of great experiences and have managed to learn lots already. I am particularly pleased with how well our Chestnuts have settled into school. I can hear them happily playing and learning through the wall of my office and it is an absolute pleasure.

I wish everyone a very happy half term break. We are back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at normal time, 8.55am.

## Swimming

Swimming has finished for this term and will start again after Easter. Thank you very much to all the parent who have helped over the last few weeks – we couldn't run swimming without you! If you would like to continue helping in school please don't hesitate to speak to you child's class teacher as we welcome **DBS checked** parents into school to help with all manner of activities.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended parent interviews this week. I hope you found it a useful experience and were reassured that your children had settled into their new classes. If anyone has any further concerns or wishes to speak to me please don't hesitate to contact us after half term. Children will always do better at school if they feel their parents are supporting them and working closely with their teachers.

**Don't forget to sign up for family week.** This is your opportunity to join your child in school for a lesson. You will get a chance to sit with your child and learn alongside them.

9.00 – 10.30

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 6 and Year 2

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 4

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 5

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 6

2.15 – 3.15

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year R and Year 1

There is also an opportunity to speak to Mrs Overin (SENCo) and Mrs Sherwood (Caterer)

## Girls Uniform

Our School Council, led by Jessica have been very pro-active in trying to convince me that girls should be allowed to wear trousers. They wrote to me:

*Dear Mrs Good*

*We have counted up the results of our questionnaire asking whether girls should be allowed to wear trousers. The results were 105 in favour and 60 against. We have also counted up the responses from the parents and the results are 43 in favour and 2 against. Please could you consider our request for girls to be allowed to wear trousers as part of the winter uniform. We understand they will need to be long, grey and tailored without bows, or any decoration.*

*From School Council.*

I have considered the request and am willing to let girls wear trousers as part of the winter uniform if they wish, skirts are still perfectly fine!

Trousers need to be GREY, TAILORED (not jersey material) and WITHOUT DECORATION. They should be worn with grey, white or black socks. Jess, Roxy and I looked at some shops online and found these in Marks and Spencer's and Tesco's.



## Interhouse Day

Last Friday we finished our Healthy Living Sports Week with Interhouse Day. The children had a great time taking part in all the different competitions. The winners were:

E sports – MacArthur

Quiz - Scott

Bowls – Curie

Benchball – MacArthur

Music – Curie

Rugby – Mandela

Art - Scott

KS1 Multi Sports – Mandela

Well done to all of Year 6 who supported the younger children, to the house captains who encouraged their teams and a special congratulations to Stella Milsted who won the Leadership Award for displaying a fantastic attitude throughout the day!



## Dates

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Back to school 8.55 am
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for Y6 children to apply for secondary places
6 <sup>th</sup> November Mon - Thur	Family Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Governors Meeting
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Citizen Y6

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