



Welcome Back

WE hope you all had the needed rest over the Christmas break and enjoyed some quality family time.

WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE BIBLE AND THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT EPIPHANY.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you ” **Isaiah 60:1**

A BIG THANK YOU

For your cards and lovely Christmas gifts to the staff - we appreciate your kindness and are grateful for your generosity. At certain times of year, particularly at Christmas and July it has become a tradition for parents and children to buy gifts for school staff. The staff are mindful of the thought that goes into the gifts and messages of thanks. While all gifts will be received with sincere appreciation and gratitude, they are not expected. Working with your children and families is a reward we are privileged to have

A WARM WELCOME TO

Ms Tonloye– Teaching Assistant in Dahl Class
Ms Okungbowa - Class Teacher covering PPA across the Federation
Mrs Davis – Office Administrator

We also say a farewell to Daniel O'Farrell one our Premises Assistants who has taken up a new career and we wish him well.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

If you need to talk to a member of the leadership team, we are always happy to help. We are available in the mornings and afternoons when we are on the gate. If this is not a good time for you then please telephone the school office to make a convenient appointment time or we can speak on the telephone. Please ask in the office if you would like to speak to a specific person. Please always aim to speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance if it is related to their learning or if you have any other concerns regarding your child.

THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Gates open for drop off between 8.40 am and 8.55 am for all pupils. Please try not to arrive too early as we cannot open the gate until 8.40am. Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day at **3.10 pm**. Please ensure your child's pick-up arrangements are communicated with the school.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by **8.55 am**, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are FREE to all children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen.

If your child is in Year 3 - 6, then the cost of a school dinner is **£2.75 a day**. All dinners must be paid for in advance.

PACKED LUNCH

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and does not include nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled.

If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners, please ensure you let the school office know. This is to ensure all children receive a meal.

BIRTHDAY CAKE/PARTY BAGS

We will **not** be distributing party bags or birthday cake to celebrate pupil birthdays. If your child has a birthday and you are looking to provide the class with a treat, why not buy a book for the class - inscribed with their name.

UNIFORM

PLEASE ENSURE **ALL** CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. As the weather has got much colder, do ensure your child has on layers to keep them warm. Please can every child come to school in the correct uniform, including footwear. These should be black in colour.

PE KIT

We ask that pupils wear white t- shirts, dark-coloured shorts and trainers/plimsolls for PE. Please ensure children bring their kit, in a bag, every Monday and take it home on Friday for washing. Every pupil who is in school is expected to do PE.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After school club is completely staffed and managed by Simply Play. Payments need to be made directly to the after-school staff – **NOT** the school office. Parents/carers will need to contact Simply Play directly for questions relating to spaces.

Contact: **Matthew Johnson**

Telephone: **020 3478 8567**

Please see Miss child requires a

BREAKFAST CLUB



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YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY

Year 4 will be off on their residential on Monday 14th – Friday 18th March. They will be going to PGL Liddington, Swindon. Our children will be taking part in a range of activities aimed at developing teamwork, independence and confidence. We know they are going to have a great time!

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

The application window is still open for pupils who are due to start primary school next September (children born between **1st September 2017 – 31st August 2018**). If you would like to apply for a place for a younger sibling at any of our school sites, please contact any of the school offices. Please note if you attend church, it is very important that you obtain a supplementary form from the office and ask your church leader to write you a clerical reference.

The deadline for applications to be received is
15th January 2022

ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are online learning opportunities for your child to engage with that the school subscribe to:

Education City (Reception to Year 6) -

<https://www.educationcity.com/parents/>

Purple Mash (Reception to Year 6) -

<https://2simple.com/purple-mash/purple-mash-parents/>

Times Tables Rock Stars (Year 2 to Year 6) -

<https://trockstars.com/page/parentguide>

Busy Things (Reception to Year 2) -

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/families/parent-tools>.

If your child is unsure of their login details, they can get these from their class teacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

HALF TERM – Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February

WORLD BOOK DAY: 3rd March 2022

YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY: Monday 14th – Friday 18th March

EASTER ACTIVITIES – Details to follow

EASTER HOLIDAYS: Monday 4th April 2022 - Monday 18th April 2022. We break up on Friday 1st April 2022. There will be **no** After School Club on this day.

The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

INSET DAYS – Monday 4th July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

School will not be open to students on these days.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Everyone!

It was wonderful to celebrate Christmas and watch the fireworks last week and consider what this new year might hold: Hopefully health and happiness.

At this time, we remember EPIPHANY in church.

Traditionally it is the time when we remember the visit of the Kings to the Holy Family and the Baby Jesus and their gifts. Gold for a King, Frankincense to worship Jesus as God's son and Myrrh for healing.

We also use this time to bless our homes too. We use chalk to mark a front doorway in our homes:
20+C+M+B+22.

CMB are the initials for the Latin phrase meaning 'Bless This House' and we place these letters between the start and end of 2022.

May your year be blessed,
may you feel God's blessing close at hand
and may your goals for this year be fulfilled.
Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain