

# October Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary



Wed 2nd Oct

PTA Meeting—7:30pm

Wed 16th Oct

School Nurse will administer Flu Jab

28th Oct—1st Nov

**Half term**

Mon 4th Nov

Children return to school

Thur 5th Dec

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Showcase

Wed 18th Dec

Coffee and Carols

Fri 20th Dec

End of term—School closes at 12 noon

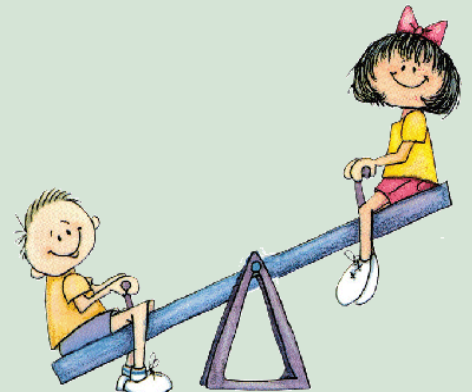
The term is off to a flying start. I am pleased that all our new children are settling well into school life.

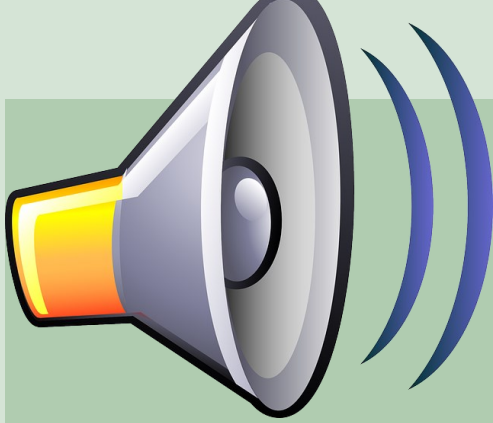
Our afterschool clubs have all started and once again they are proving popular with all the children. There are still spaces if children would like to join for the remaining weeks.

Throughout this month teachers will meet with parents to discuss how the children are settling into the new term. This is an opportunity to keep communication open as we all want the best start to the year for the children.



As the weather is getting wetter and colder, please send children with a coat everyday as we like to get outside whenever possible.





# PTA Volunteers

**You are warmly invited to our first PTA meeting of the year scheduled for Wednesday 2nd October at 7:30pm. We would love to get as many parents involved as possible in any capacity you feel able to contribute.**



**Please forgive me for mentioning Christmas in September!**

## **Christmas Preparations**

We are very aware of how expensive the festive season can be for families. In an effort to be mindful of this there are some things we have opted not to do this year, for example, Pantomime, charging for Christmas craft and the festive morning.

The PTA will still have a Christmas event and fundraiser which we hope you will attend. More details will follow.

Foundation stage will present a Christmas performance and Year 3 and 4 will do a Christmas performance next year. It has become necessary to do this on alternative years as the curriculum time and timetabling of the Hall has become too much to manage.

Key Stage 2 will present a 'Coffee and Carols' afternoon, with any donations made donated to a charity.

## **Christmas Cards**

We know it's only September, however we want to get these ordered and returned to you before the Christmas rush! Christmas cards designed by your child are on offer this year again. An order form has been sent home. Please return it as soon as possible. Orders can be paid on the School Money App.

## Attendances/ Absences



Parents are asked to support School as we focus on our attendance figures. If children have to miss school due to illness or for any other reason, parents are asked to inform the class teacher through the report absence button on the school website. This sends an email directly to the class teacher. All absences have to be recorded in our attendance module. Thank you for your support with this. Parents are encouraged to ensure all family holidays are booked to coincide with school holidays.

## School time.

School begins at 9:00am and all children should be in class ready to start the day at this time. Classroom outside doors are open from 8:45 (supervision in the classroom cannot be guaranteed before this time). Children arriving before this should go to the Hall for breakfast club.



## Healthy Eating School



Here in school we operate a healthy snack policy, and have even received prizes for our efforts in the past. We encourage all children to bring a small snack, preferably fruit or vegetables, for their mid-morning break. For new healthy snack ideas visit:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/school-meals/healthy-eating>

## Car Park

The school car park is extremely busy at 3pm. Please think carefully about where your car is left while you collect children. Increasingly cars are blocking entrances, crossings and even driven up on to the foot paths. Some children are walking home without adult supervision and we need to ensure everyone's safety.

## Bicycles

I am absolutely delighted that so many children and their families are choosing to cycle or scoot to school. In the interests of everyone's safety bicycles/scooters should not be ridden on school grounds. Please encourage your children to dismount and push their bikes/scooters whilst in the school grounds.