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"Don't let people discourage you. Just fluff out your tutu and dance away."

21st JULY 2017. Summer Term No 6

Another successful academic year comes to an end. Many thanks to all of you who have supported the school over this past year.

This summer holiday we will be having a canopy outside Year 1, new fencing behind the trim trail, railings up the driveway and 3 carpets replaced along with all the usual deep clean and maintenance routines.

PIPSA

 **Many hands make light work**

Pipsa held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday. The following positions were voted and agreed:

Mrs Claire Aksoy – Chair
Mrs Eric Montgomery – Joint Vice Chair
Mrs Fiona Saunders – Joint Vice Chair
Mrs Lilli Scriven – Secretary

Our thanks to the whole PIPSA team who go above and beyond to make our school the special place it is.

The last of their fundraising events was the Magic Show for children in Year R and Year 1 and the Year 2 Leavers Disco. Thank you for your support of these events. We hope the children had fun.



Padnell's Got Talent

Well done to all the children who took part in the heats for Padnell's Got Talent. Choosing the 9 acts to go through to the final was a hard choice!

The finalists performed well on 18th July in front of their friends and parents/carers showing Original thinking & Resilience.

Last year's winner, Rowan Vernal started off proceedings with some words of advice. We then had a variety of performers, from singers & dancers to poets and comedians!

The judges, Mrs Hoy, Mrs Lazell and Miss Peck had a hard job deciding on their winner. In the end the joint second place contestants were Poet Preston Prendiville and dancer Kerriane O'Connell. Kaelyn Lawrence Parsons, our Year R little pocket rocket, took the title of first place following her dance to "Shake it Off". Well done everyone!



Explore Show

On 13th July 2017, 24 of our Year 2 children took part in the "Explore" Show with The Cowplain School and the local cluster of schools who each performed a song & dance routine or a short play at The Kings Theatre.

Our children were true stars who performed a piece inspired by Roald Dahl's The Minpins, complete with musical numbers. Well done everyone and thanks to Mrs Smile for all her hard work and dedication.



Books

Most of the children will be bringing home their school books today. Please be aware that since May the Year 2 children have been working in their Year 3 books supplied by the Juniors, and the Year 1 children have been working in their Year 2 books.

This process ensures that next year's teacher knows what each child is capable of and therefore can ensure good progress is made.



Uniform and Dress Code


Thank you to all of you who follow our school policy regarding uniform. Please can I remind you that all children need a PE Kit in school from the first day of term (black shorts, white t-shirt).

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Also, school shoes should be black and sturdy enough to support your child's feet and ankles when on the trim trail etc. Boots are not permitted.

Lastly, in line with the Juniors, please can we ask that all long hair is tied up, preferably in plaits, and that any accessories are in school colours of black, white or purple.

Pre-School & Childcare Funding  **GOV.UK**
Attention of Parents of under 5's: Do you have a child who is under 5 years old? Did you know you can check if you are eligible for the Government's 30 hours free childcare for your three and four year old by using the online calculator at: www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

Parents can also check to see if they are eligible to receive up to 20% of financial help towards childcare costs from the Government through the Tax-Free Childcare scheme. This could help towards additional hours not covered by free entitlements; before and after school childcare and holiday childcare.

For an explanation of the eligibility criteria and for more details on all Government schemes offering childcare support, visit the Childcare choices website at: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Year 2 Leavers Celebrations

We're looking forward to the Year 2 Performance on Monday. Doors will open at 9am for a 9:15am start. The afternoon performance will start at 1.30pm but we are unable to open doors until 1.15pm as we have to clear the hall after lunch so please do not arrive too early. Thank you for your understanding.

As advised on Tuesday, the children who took part in the Explore Show at The Kings Theatre will re-run their performance after the morning show. You are all welcome to stay for this additional treat or leave in the short break in between.

We look forward to our Year 2 families joining us from 5pm until 6.30pm in Joey's Field on Monday for our Leavers BBQ.



100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 16 children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year. They will be rewarded in our Celebration Assembly next week.

Our Whole School Attendance figure is 96.75% compared to 96.74% last year, a fantastic achievement!

Your child's Individual Registration Report for the academic year is attached.



Summer Reading

Please, please, please continue to read with your child over the summer holidays. If they need some encouragement, don't forget the Library Reading Challenge. This year it's Animal Agents.



MEDICINES

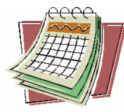
If we are holding any medicines in school for your Year 2 child, they will be returned to you by your child's class teacher (in sealed envelopes), on Tuesday. Medication for children in Year R & Year 1 will be passed to their new class ready for September, unless the expiry date is over the holidays.

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THANK YOU

We have had a lot of support from many volunteer parents and helpers throughout the year both in and out of the classroom, during and after school hours. I know **all** the staff would like to show their gratitude to each and every one for giving your time freely to support our children. It is always much appreciated.



Dates for Next Year

Please find attached a list of Diary Dates for 2017 – 2018. We want to give you as much information as we can so that you can plan ahead, ensuring you can get time off work if necessary. We will endeavour to keep to these dates but I'm sure you can appreciate that sometimes things have to be moved. We will keep you informed of any changes.

These dates will also be on our website, and don't forget the "Notice Board" for reminders. The school term calendar is also on our website.

Summer School

For those of you who have already been contacted, don't forget our Summer School Dates:

Tuesday 22nd August

Wednesday 23rd August

Thursday 24th August

Tuesday 29th August

Wednesday 30th August

Thursday 31st August

Times: 9:30am until 11:45am.



End of term

School will finish at 3.05pm on Tuesday 25th July. Crafty Club will continue until 5pm.

We say a fond farewell to all the children in Year 2 who leave us for pastures new. We have watched them grow in so many ways during their time with us, physically, intellectually and in confidence over their time here. We wish them all well in their new schools.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break. School will be open to children on Tuesday 6th September (Monday 5th is an Inset Day).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

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Resilient Learner
Original thinker
Wise Worker