

Newsletter - May 2016

MR JOHN PLOWRIGHT (DEPUTY HEADTEACHER)

Mr Plowright has been touched and overwhelmed by your cards, good wishes and messages. He begins a new round of treatment in the middle of June. He asked us to pass on his thanks to you all.

He remains extremely positive although obviously he isn't feeling too well at the moment.

WARM WEATHER



As the better weather is now here, could we please remind children to bring a named plastic drinks bottle which can then be refilled during the day.

Children can get very thirsty and due to hygiene issues it is not possible for school to provide plastic cups.

On really sunny days we also advise parents to apply sunscreen before children come to school and provide a sunhat.

PTA SUMMER FAYRE



This year's Summer Fayre will take place on Sunday 3rd July between 11am and 1 pm. There will be the usual array of exciting stalls and fun for all the family with all proceeds going to the PTA who support and fund a range of events across the school.

The parents group usually meet on a Monday night in school from around 6.30pm onwards. As a parent at school you are automatically enrolled as a member of the PTA and will be very welcome to join us at any meeting.

BICYCLES



Can we please remind parents and carers that cycles are left in the bike shed at the owner's risk. School cannot accept responsibility for bicycles.

Parents and carers should provide a sturdy lock and we would recommend that appropriate insurance is arranged for high value items.

Ballifield will close for the half term break on Thursday 26th May at 3.15pm. (Friday is a staff training day)

We re-open to children on Monday 6th June.

UNIFORM



As the weather improves we are beginning to see a significant number of pupils not wearing school uniform including red and emerald green cardigans.

Can we remind parents that children should attend school in full uniform each day.

The school's agreed standard dress is as follows:-

- Navy Blue Sweatshirt/Cardigan with school logo. White, Red, Green, Yellow Polo Shirt with or without school logo.
- Navy Blue, Grey, or Black Trousers, Jogging Bottoms, Skirt, Leggings or Ski Pants. Blue, Red, Yellow, Green Gingham Dresses, in summer months.
- Fleeces, Navy Blue, with school logo.
- Waterproof/Fleece Reversible Jacket, Navy Blue, with logo.
- Plain White or Dark Socks or Dark Tights.
- Plain Dark Shoes or Trainers.

Our webshop will be going live shortly which will allow parents to order uniform direct from the suppliers to be delivered to school.

We are at the final stages of testing the new online shop and will send the full details soon.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

A really busy half term is nearly behind us. Y2s and Y6s have completed their SATs tests and assessments using the new STAT system which are continuing in all year groups.

The new assessment tool is becoming embedded through school. We hope you are getting to grips with how your child is progressing up the "STEPS". You will receive the end of year report for your child in July.

Next term will be just as busy as we start transition activities throughout the school.

We are currently finalising our staffing structure for the next school year. I know you appreciate early notification of your child's new teacher. Hopefully we will have these details ready for you when we return from the half term break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sheila Haigh