

Newsletter 6th September 2024

Headteacher's comments

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. It has been a delight watching the children in Clover, Year One and Year Two settle so well into school after the long holidays. We are excited to meet our new Reception children on Monday morning. The children in nursery have started their settle sessions and we cannot wait to welcome all of our new starters.

We are going to be continuing with our fortnightly newsletter which should keep you updated on what is coming up and provide reminders throughout the term.

Staffing updates

We are really excited to welcome Mrs Lyndsay to nursery, Mrs Beaumont-Whitmore to the lunchtime team and Mrs Stanforth as the class teacher in Foxglove. I know you will all make them feel very welcome.

Dates for the diary

Please find attached a list of provisional dates for the academic year. We will send reminders about the events coming up but feel it is helpful to have the dates in advance. Please also remember that these dates are subject to change but we will try and keep to these dates as close as possible.

Car Park

As a reminder, the school car park is only for staff and the parents of children who have the prior agreement with the school due to their child's needs. Those who have prior agreement should collect a badge from the school office to place on their dashboard.

Maintenance

Unfortunately over the summer we found a water leak which is currently being fixed in the car park. Therefore, please ensure you and your children stay clear of this area, which is coned off, until it is fixed. Thank you.

Playground

At drop off and collection, please ensure your children do not ride their scooters or bikes on school grounds and that they do not play with any of the school equipment. This is often set up for learning for the day and the climbing frames are only covered under insurance if a member of school staff is supervising.

Attendance

There have been changes to the attendance policy following government policy changes. The new policy will be ratified by governors at the next FGB and will then be circulated to parents. We have created a joint policy with Ely St Mary's to keep consistency between schools. Further information about the changes in the meantime are attached.

I would also like to remind you that classrooms open at 0845 and closes at 0855 when the register is taken. Any children arriving after 0855 will be marked as late. If your child arrives after 0920 they will be marked as an unauthorised absence unless there is a medical reason for the absence.



If your child is not attending school due to illness you must let the office know as soon as possible in the morning and by 0900 at the latest.

Please find attached the NHS guidance of "Is my child too ill for school?"

Meet the teacher events

On Thursday 12th September we are inviting all parents into school at collection time (1515) to meet their child's class teacher and see the learning environment. This event will be between 1515 and 1530.

Uniform

It has been delightful seeing so many children ready for school and looking so smart. Please remember the school uniform is white polo, grey/ black shorts/trousers/skirt and red jumper or cardigan as well as black shoes. For PE kits the children should have a white or red plain t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms. If you would like uniform with the school logo, please visit the school website. If you are struggling to source a uniform due to financial difficulties, the PTA have a new to you stall which will be out after school on some days (dates to follow) or you can speak to the school office who may be able to direct you.

Foodbank vouchers

We really appreciate these are difficult times financially. If you are struggling to provide food for you family and need short term support, please speak to the office as the school can support you with a foodbank voucher.

Medical information and allergies

Please ensure that any medication your child needs or medical information that the school needs to know has been updated through the office. All inhalers, epi-pens and medication should be checked by the parent for end dates and medication forms should be completed. Please speak to the school office for more information.

Tesco in-store vote

We are delighted to be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts token scheme in Ely Tesco. We will be raising money towards Breakfast club in the hope of providing more children with breakfast across the school. Please support us with this. It will run from the first week in October until Mid January 2025. If we are the project with the highest votes we could receive £1500 towards our aim that every child has a nutritious breakfast at Spring Meadow.

First Aid

Following some feedback regarding first aid, we have started sending notifications to your email address to inform you of any first aid incidents your child has throughout the day. Please can we kindly ask you all to check your email address is correct with the office to make sure you receive alerts of any first aids.