



Windy News

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FEAT 1st Project and Parking Projects

April 2012

Some while ago, you will recall that we had a School Travel Plan aimed at reducing the number of car journeys to school, reducing congestion and making our main road a safer place to be for both pedestrians and drivers.

With help from the Council, further changes will now take place on Albion Street around the summer term. Double yellow lines will appear on the field side of the road, Councillors hoping that this will reduce inappropriate parking. In addition, the whole area around the front of school will become 20 m.p.h.

Until then, we know that the Council are operating video vans in the area from which they take footage of parking offences and then deliver an unwelcome £60 Fixed Penalty Notice onto your doormat!

To support the Council's endeavours to make Albion Street safer, we have joined a project called FEAT 1st.

This stands for Families Enjoying Active Transport and aims to show parents and pupils that fun and fitness can be had during journeys to school.

Our first activities in the project are a special Fathers' Day event called Dr. Bike which is a class to help maintain and repair bicycles with specialist help. This will take place on Friday 15th June and further information and invitations will follow.

We'll also be learning the art of Nordic walking and embarking on a pedometer challenge during Sports Week!



Staffing Update

Some parents may not be aware that Mrs. Bolam resigned from her teaching post at Easter.

Mrs. Johansen will remain with the Owls class for the rest of this school year.

Mrs Lesley Pattison was appointed as a lunch-time assistant, and Mrs. Green returns from her maternity leave later this term.

Gardening Club

A staff team have taken over Mr. Firth's gardening club! A big thanks go to Mrs. Johansen, Mrs Hopkins and Mrs. Greaves for keeping the green fingered work going!



Growing Spaces

We are again offering our mini-allotments for use by members of the school community.

— Watch out for the flyer coming soon!

Good News Text Messages

In addition to the reminders and information messages you will receive from time to time, we are also delighted to use this to share good news. If your child has done particularly well or tried very hard at something, or if attendance in your child's class has been very good you may well find out about it via text message!



What's happening?

- ◆ Diary Dates
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Best Attendance

The two classes with best attendance over the last month are Snowdrops with 98.4%, closely followed by Elms with 98.2% Fantastic!

Remember!

School closes for Bank Holiday weekend on Friday 4th May at 3.15 p.m and re-opens on Tuesday 8th May 2012.

The half term holiday starts on Monday 4th June 2012.

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Dates for your Diary

Please remember that some dates or times may be subject to change.

Thur 3rd May	Council Elections-SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL
Mon 7th May	BANK HOLIDAY- school closed to pupils.
Wed 9th May	3.30pm Talk for Y6 parents by Kingswood rep representative
Mon 14th May	SATs week for Y6 pupils.
Mon 28th May	Arts Week
Fri 1st June	Diamond Jubilee Event for all pupils School closes to pupils at 3.15pm for the half term break.
Mon 11th June	School re-opens after half term break.
Fri 15th June	Dr. Bike for Dad and Lads (further information will follow)
Tues 26th June	9.00a.m. Welcome to Reception meeting (for parents of children starting Reception in September 2012)
Wed 27th June	2.30p.m. Welcome to KS1 meeting (for parents of children starting Year 1 in September)
Fri 29th June	OCCASIONAL DAY HOLIDAY-school closed

Other dates for the summer term are featured below.

More Information

Some Important Reminders

Sweets and Lunchboxes

Please remember that sweets are not allowed in school. Any sweets brought into school will be returned for consumption at home, including any tucked away in packed lunch boxes.



Dogs On Site

Dogs are not allowed on the school site whether they are carried, in bags or on leads.

Start of Next Year

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE END OF THE SUMMER BREAK.

Please note that the date for pupils returning to school after the summer break this year is **Monday 3rd September 2012**.

Unusually, there is no training day at start of the autumn term.

We have two training days booked instead for 24th and 25th September.

Important Dates for End of Term

Monday 2nd July sees the start of our new "transition week" in school. Instead of a brief session of meeting new teachers ready for the new school year, pupils will be taught by their new teacher every morning of this week. This will enable children and teachers to get to know one another better and should make our return to school in September even smoother!

Wednesday 4th July at 2.15p.m. the Welcome to Nursery Meeting takes place. This is for parents whose children will be starting Nursery in September.

We will also be offering Maths games workshops for parents during afternoons this week.



The week commencing **9th July** is our sports focused week based, of course, on an Olympic theme!

Already lined up on the starting blocks, we have sessions in hula-hooping and Nordic walking, as well as an Olympic event for schools in the Thomas Hepburn cluster and our own sports days!

Our Sports Days take place on Friday 13th July, with the event for children in Reception, Years One and Two taking place in the morning starting at 9.30am, and the event for Junior children (Y3-6) taking place in the afternoon, starting at 1.30p.m.



In the week of **16th July** the fun-filled timetable looks like this: Our annual KS2 talent show takes place on the afternoons of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that week.

Tuesday 17th July at 9.15am we will be holding our KS2 Sports Award Assembly.

Thursday 19th July will be our Fun Day.

Our Leavers' Assembly will be held at **9.15am on Friday 20th July**.