



September 13th 2019

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone, hopefully you have all had a great summer break and are raring to go for the new school year!

Meet the Teacher

Hopefully you have all been able to meet your child's new teacher at some point since the start of term. All classes have held meet the teacher classes, (apart from Year 5) where you will have been given information about the year ahead, systems, expectations etc. You can also speak to all class teachers at the end of each day when they release the children.

Termly class letter

You should all have received a class newsletter from your child's class teacher outlining the term ahead. This is also on the website attached to each class page. If you have any questions then please speak to the class teacher.

School Website

All classes have updated their page on the school website. Please take a few minutes to look through our website as it has important information for parents. We also have some posh new photos on there!

Head Boy and Head Girl

George and Lucie led their first celebration assembly this morning and they were calm and confident so any nerves were well hidden.

House Captains and Vice Captains-

Our house captains and vice captains will be chosen next week. Mr Wilde and I will be meeting with any Year 6 pupil who would like to be considered for the role next Monday where they will have the opportunity to persuade us to choose them. We will then take time to consider each pupil's argument and make a decision. The

children will be informed at the Celebration assembly next Friday.

School Uniform

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents for their support with our drive on school uniform and its link with pride and standards. The children have looked magnificent since we came back to school in September and are definitely modelling our school values.

A polite reminder that all hair accessories should be in the school colours and be an appropriate size. If children are wearing a shirt then they should also be wearing a school tie. School shoes should be worn by all children, no trainers.

Attendance

We have seen an improvement in school attendance over the past two years. Increasing attendance will remain a school priority as we want to see further improvements until we outperform the national average. It is extremely important that the children are in school every day to ensure that they do not miss any learning. We will be reminding parents and carers of our usual expectations and procedures over the next few weeks.

Week ending 6 th September	
Reception	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4T	100%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 6	95.8%
Year 4	91.7%
Overall	97.1%

It is great news that we have three classes with 100% attendance and the whole schools attendance was 97.1%. What a great start to the new school year.

Free School Meals

A reminder on Free School Meals - Since September 2014, all infants have been eligible

for a free school meal, but some children may be eligible for extra funding through the pupil premium.

It is worth registering for Free School Meals anyway because if you register:

- > School receives a 'pupil premium' - an extra payment which can be spent on useful services;
- > Registering your child may also get you financial help for extra things like uniform, trips or music lessons.

Whether a child is entitled to pupil premium is confidential between your family, the class teacher and the senior leadership team. The rest of the school community (including governors) can only see anonymous data.

Please see Mrs Simmons in the office or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm or call 0300 123 5012 to see if your child is entitled or to make an application.

MPSA

The MPSA have an exciting timetable of events for the coming year and continue to support the school. They will be hosting the AGM next Thursday evening, (19th September) at the school. Separate information will be sent out, there will be a BBQ and everyone is welcome.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Our new reception children have taken part in their own teddy bears picnic last week. They all had a great time, brought their favourite teddy bear, played together and began forming new friendships that will hopefully last throughout their school life.

Aldi's sport kit for schools

We have signed up for the Aldi Sport kit for schools and we have a very large poster in our hall for all of the children to see. If you shop at Aldi and spend over £30 per shop you will receive a sticker. If you can send the children

into school with the sticker and then each day, George and Lucie will take the children to the hall and help them to place the sticker on the poster.

A few reminders

Homework- we have not made any changes to homework since January so this remains the same. A copy of our homework policy can be found on our website.

TT Rockstars- Our morning club is now open for Y3 and Y4 children - Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri. 8.30am-8.45am.

School Dinners - Cheshire East have increased the cost of a school lunch to £2.30 from next Monday September 16th. Please be aware of this when you send in lunch money.

Parking - Please do not park on the markings opposite the school entrances, can parents/carers also take care to respect our residents when dropping children off.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill

Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

16/9/19 Phonics Parent Workshop
19/9/19 MPSA AGM (5.30pm)
26/9/19 MPSA Film Night
27/9/19 Macmillan Coffee Morning
WKB 30/9/19 Harvest Lunches
30/9/19 Christmas Cards out to parents
2/10/19 Early Years Open Day
WKB 7/10/19 Harvest Lunches
11/10/19 Christmas Card orders back to school
16/10/19 School Photo Day
16/10/19 Parents Evening number 1
17/10/19 Pastoral Governors Meeting
23/10/19 Parents Evening number 2
24/10/19 Resources Governors Meeting
24/10/19 MPSA Halloween Disco
25/10/19 SCHOOL CLOSES

4/11/19 SCHOOL OPENS
28/11/19 Learning & Teaching Governors Meeting
29/11/19 MPSA Christmas Fair
30/11/19 Choir @ Knutsford XMAS light switch on
4/12/19 Full Governing Body meeting
17/12/19 KS2 Christmas Performance
18/12/19 Reception and KS1 nativity performance
19/12/19 Class Christmas Parties
20/12/19 SCHOOL CLOSES

6/1/20 SCHOOL OPENS for staff
7/1/20 SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN

Our Stars and Geniuses were -

Week ending - 13 th September 2019	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Esmay	Willow
Savannah	Felix
Riley	Max
Dylan	Molly
Bonnie	Rayan
Olivia	Eva
James	Oscar