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## **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents

The plethora of paper continues! Everything is important so please take time to read and complete the replies.

### **HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

Our home/school agreement is enclosed for you to read and sign with your child and return to school by Friday 25 September.

### **ICT, INTERNET ACCESS, ELECTRONIC MEDIA & E MAIL CONSENT**

Please read carefully the pupil user agreement and parent permission form and return to school by Friday 25 September.

### **ANNUAL CONSENT FORM**

Please complete all relevant sections of the enclosed consent form. This means you are giving your consent for us to walk the children to Church and Grays Recreation Ground throughout this school year. You will be informed of further educational visits by letter when another consent will be requested.

### **CONSENT FORM TO USE IMAGES OR PHOTOGRAPHS**

In order to record evidence as well as pleasure, we like to take photographs of the pupils and record their work on video from time to time e.g. Christmas Concert. We also request a photograph from Belper News and Derby Evening Telegraph for publication of any news worthy item.

We would appreciate your support in allowing us to take photographs and video concerts and ask you to complete the consent form.

**Please return all 4 replies by Friday 25 September**

### **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS – FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 9.30AM**

Our Harvest Celebration will take place in the school hall on Friday 9 October at 9.30am. Nursery and Reception pupils will not be joining us on this occasion but will have their own small assembly in their classroom. However, all parents are very welcome to attend the service in the hall. Our harvest gifts will support our elderly neighbours in St Alkmund's Close and Barnardos.

The needs of Barnardos are specific and the following items are the products we would most appreciate you sending:  
'in date' non perishable items i.e. any tinned or packets foods, or toiletries.

If possible we would like all pupils, Nursery to Year 5 to bring a plate, small box or basket of goods as listed above. If it is not possible to provide a plate, box or basket, single items will still be appreciated.

Year 6 pupils are asked to provide fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, and/or non-perishable food items (in date). Year 6 will be delivering their gifts to the residents on St Alkmund's Close after the service.

Pupils should bring their gifts on Thursday 8th October or first thing on Friday 9th October.

### **PUMPKIN COMPETITION**

Part of our harvest celebration is to judge the PTA Pumpkin competition. Pumpkins need to be in school the day **before** Harvest Festival on **Thursday 8 October by 9.00am**. Please affix name and class and deliver pumpkins to the **junior department craft area**.

### **LATE ARRIVALS**

May I remind parents that for health & safety reasons you are not allowed in the teaching areas after 8.55am and that children arriving late must make their way to their classroom on their own or be handed over to a member of staff at the

## **INSTRUMENTAL TUITION**

Pupils who are continuing their instrumental lessons saw their teacher last week other than the violin teacher who is unable to start her lessons until October.

If your child is in the junior department and interested in learning an instrument - woodwind, brass, guitar or strings please inform school in writing and we will pass your details to the respective teacher.

## **TERM DATES**

The new academic year dates are listed below

Tuesday 8 September 2009 – Friday 23 October 2009  
Monday 2 November 2009 - Friday 18 December 2009  
Monday 4 January 2010 – Friday 12 February 2010  
Monday 22 February 2010 – Thursday 1 April 2010  
Monday 19 April 2010 – Friday 28 May 2010  
Monday 7 June 2010 – Friday 23 July 2010

A list of dates of school events is also attached.

Following analysis of the parental questionnaires we are trying a different system of meeting parents in October. Much of the October Parents Evening has historically been about settling into a new class and explaining the systems. We hope to maintain this information sharing in a less formal but more interactive evening with you and your child/children. More details will follow near the event and as always we will be pleased to receive feedback.

As we move towards the new government assessment procedures in December, May & June we are doing the junior production in February.

## **COMPLAINTS**

I am duty bound to annually remind you of the school complaints procedure, which is available in full in the school office. In summary, day-to-day problems should be solved in conjunction with your child's class teacher. If you feel it necessary to make a complaint then in the first instance you should arrange an appointment to share your complaint with me. If after investigation and discussion you are still not satisfied then you are entitled to make your complaint in writing to the Chair of Governors, Mrs A Carmichael-Smith and deliver it to the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs R Manners c/o the school office.

## **FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE**

We have a statutory duty to provide you with the enclosed notice, which informs you of the Data Protection Act and the information we hold on your child.

Best wishes

S J Whyld

