

Dates for your diary:

Friday 22nd September – Yr 3 Horizons Boating
Friday 22nd – Monday 25th September – mini half term for new Fdn entrants
Monday 25th September – Friday 13th October – Yr 5 swimming lessons
Monday 2nd October – SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET day
Thursday 5th October – Fdn parent's lunch – 11.30am
Friday 20th October – Wear it Pink Mufti – further details to follow
W/B Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October - HALF TERM
Friday 17th November – Children in Need – further details to follow



Credit Union Savings

The old £1 coin ceases to be legal tender and will go out of circulation at midnight on Sunday, October 15.

If you still have £1 coins lying about after the deadline do not panic, they can continue to be deposited into a customer account at most high street banks in the UK.

Mind-sets

This term's mind-set focus is responsibility. We are using the life of Nelson Mandela to teach the children about social and moral responsibility.

If you would like to find out more about his life and achievements, visit the following website:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primary/history/famouspeople/nelson-mandela

ParentPay

ParentPay is up and running, any problems, please let the Office know.

Home Learning 2017

We recently asked you to complete a questionnaire about school practises, and feedback from these showed that there were some concerns and queries around our home learning provision. Research shows that, contrary to popular belief, home learning can often be detrimental to a child's academic progress and well-being. Therefore, we have strived to create a home learning system that supports well-being, allows families to engage with school topics and offers tasks which can be completed and accessed by **all** children.

In response to your feedback, we have made a few tweaks to our home learning for the new academic year. Each class will still send out a 'menu' and the children will pick and choose from the tasks and activities on the sheet. However, home learning will now be submitted **weekly** (each Friday) and children will have the opportunity to share their completed tasks with their peers every Friday afternoon. Pupils and staff will also have the opportunity to use our mind-sets system to congratulate children who have clearly used our learning dispositions (responsibility, resourcefulness, determination, bravery, resilience, reflectiveness and reasoning) to complete their home learning.

We understand that some children and families find it tricky to complete home learning over weekends and evenings and so the school will offer a 'drop-in' home learning club each Friday lunchtime to help children complete tasks. Children also have the opportunity to substitute a piece of home learning with a recount of a family trip or some show and tell about a sporting event in order to celebrate non-academic achievements and events.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Steph Blake
Deputy Head

