

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In my last newsletter to you I shared the school vision. The Vision is underpinned by our curriculum intent which is:

Curriculum Intent

Our school vision underpins the curriculum which is broad in scope, relevant, engaging, suitably challenging and includes a range of experiences to prepare pupils with the key skills and knowledge they need to have for the future. Our curriculum is designed to inspire and excite pupils, fulfilling and exceeding National Curriculum requirements, in order to develop enthusiastic learners who have no limits to their curiosity.

Our curriculum will:

- Develop the acquisition of knowledge through a well-planned and sequenced approach which ensures progression across the key stage, building on previous learning.
- Extend opportunities for all pupils, including those that may be disadvantaged, the most able, those with special educational needs and for children for whom English is an additional language. Great importance is placed on inclusion which allows every child to develop and flourish on an equal footing.
- Develop responsible global citizens by fostering an interest in the wider world and an understanding of how they can make a positive contribution.

I hope that you are able see evidence of this in all that we do.

With warm wishes,

Bola Soneye-Thomas
Headteacher

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

01/09/2022 – 16/12/2022

Half Term 2022

24/10/22 – 28/10/2022

Spring Term 2023

03/01/2023 – 31/03/2023

Half Term 2023

13/02/2023 – 17/02/2023

Summer Term 2023

17/04/2023 – 21/07/2023

Half Term 2023

29/05/2023 – 02/06/2023

Tad Days

Thursday	01/09/2022
Friday	02/09/2022
Monday	31/10/2022
Tuesday	03/01/2023
Monday	05/06/2023

School Meals Costs

Autumn Term

1 st half	£87.50
2 nd half	£85.00
Total	£ 172.50

Spring Term

1 st half	£70.00
2 nd half	£75.00
Total	£145.00

Summer Term

1 st half	£72.50
2 nd half	£85.00
Total	£157.50

Visits and Visitors

Alien ship in the Infants! All classes visited the Infants school to have a look at the suspected UFO in the playground. It generated a lot of discussion, excitement and reasoning. I'm sure you've heard all about it. Is it or isn't it a hoax?



Year 3

I am always impressed by the year 3 performance after a day with Iroko Theatre Company. The children use drumming, dance and drama as a vehicle to learn about current issues and share them in the style of a traditional tale. This year the focus was climate change. I enjoyed seeing some of you having a go on the drums at the end of the performance for parents when Iroko visited last week.



Year 6

All 3 classes have now been to Pendarren House in Wales. Please see our Insta for photos of their 5-day residential trip.

The academic focus of the visit is geography and whilst away they learn about Pendarren as a contrasting locality, they visit a coal mining museum, they do a coastal walk, they go caving and canoeing and they have an enjoyable time away from home developing their independence and resilience. Well done year 6. An extra special thank you to all the accompanying adults who give

their personal time to ensure that the children are able to go.



School Meals

Our current school meal provider is CH&Co. Like many other catering companies, they are currently having issues with stock deliveries resulting in regular menu changes. Grant and I feel that it is time for us to retender the catering contract so that we can ensure best value, in terms of price and quality for the children. It is a long process, but we have started it. I shall keep you updated on how things are going. Children will be involved later on in the process.

PSA

The PSA annual general meeting was held on Wednesday. Despite the rain and standstill traffic there was good representation by the class reps. Ruth Byrne was voted in as the chair.

Junior Disco

Tonight is party night with the school disco. Tickets were in high demand and they have all now been sold. There will not be any tickets available at the door.

Festive Fair

If you didn't manage to get tickets for the disco you haven't got long to wait for the next PSA event - The fabulous Festive Fair on Saturday 3rd December. There will be a chance to pick up some early festive gifts, the Infant and junior school choirs will be performing and of course Santa will be coming too

Governing Body

Information was sent out earlier in the week about the parent governor vacancy. Today is the closing date.