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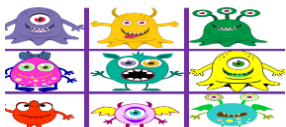
Thursday 7th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Phonics Screener Information Session for Year 1/2 Parents/Carers - Monday 11th November 2024

Key Stage One

Year One Phonics Screen



On Monday 11th November 2024, Mrs Percival will be running an important information session regarding the Phonics Screener. The Phonics Screener is an assessment that all Year 1 learners will complete in June 2025 and some Year 2 learners will re-sit. Parents/Carers of Year 1/2 learners are invited to attend the session at either 9:00am -9:30am or 5:00pm-5:30pm.

Anti-bullying week 11th November - Friday 15th November



Next week we will be joining many schools and organisations in thinking about and promoting 'Anti-bullying' as part of 'Anti-bullying Week 2024'. All classes will be participating in learning activities around bullying and the importance of tackling this. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. Parents/Carers are invited to attend our 'Anti-bullying Assembly' on Wednesday 13th November at 2:40pm where some of our learners will be sharing what they have been thinking about during this important week.



In further support of 'Anti-bullying week' we will also be promoting 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12th November 2024. We are inviting all members of our school community to come to school wearing 'odd socks'. This is to help celebrate that we are all unique and individual.

Children in Need Fundraising - Friday 15th November



Children and staff have been invited to attend school wearing spots on Friday 15th November in support of Children in Need 2025'. Any donations are welcome and can be made by bringing money into your child's class or via ParentPay.



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Parent Consultations/Evening - Wednesday 27th November (1.00pm - 3.00pm and 3.30pm - 6.30pm)



You are invited to attend our **Autumn Term Parents Consultation on Wednesday 27th November**. **Appointments can be made from 1.00pm - 3.00pm and from 3.30pm - 6.30pm**. A separate letter is soon to be sent home with details on how to book your appointment.

Peak Wildlife Educational Visit - Nursery/Reception (Columba & Columba R) - Thursday 5th December 2024



This term learners in Columba (Nursery and Reception) will have the opportunity to enhance their learning with an educational visit to **Peak Wildlife Park**. This will take place on **Thursday 5th December 2024**; learners will need to arrive in school at 8:45 for a prompt 9:30am set off. We will return to school at approximately 1:30pm. In order to support the school's budget for learning outside of the classroom, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£10.00** to be paid via ParentPay

Nursery learners coming on the educational visit will need to provide their own packed lunch. When we arrive back 1:30pm. Your child will either need to be picked up or booked into Space Cadets.

Extra-Curricular Learning and After School Clubs



There is still time to sign up to the following after school clubs:

- **Choir Club (Year 1 - Year 4) Commencing Monday 11th November from 3:15pm - 4:15pm (20 spaces)**
- **Board Game Club (Reception - Year 4) Commencing Tuesday 12th November from 3:15pm - 4:15pm (16 spaces)**

Letters have been sent out for your child to sign up to.

Space Cadets - Before and After School Club (based at Squirrel Hayes First School)



We understand that working around the school day can sometimes pose a challenge with the increasing demands of work and home life. Space Cadets is based at Squirrel Hayes First School and runs a before and after school club for school aged children aged 4 to 11 years old. Breakfast club runs from 7.30am - 8:45am (Squirrel Hayes children can just turn up so long as they are registered with Space Cadets). After school club runs from 3.15pm-6.00pm (needs to be pre-booked). Space Cadets also run a holiday club available from 7.30am to 6.00pm. For further information please either speak to the office or call Krystle 07500803876.



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Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. *Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:*

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Parade - Biddulph	Year 4 Representatives
Monday 11 th November 09:00am - 9:30am & 5:00pm - 5:30pm	Phonics Screener workshop/information session for Parents/Carers	Hydra class
<i>Tuesday 12th November</i>	<i>Odd Socks Day</i>	<i>All classes</i>
Wednesday 13 th November 2:40pm	Anti-bullying Assembly - Parents/Carers invited	All classes
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need - Spotacular - Wear something spotty	All classes
Wednesday 27 th November 1:30-3:00pm & 3:30-6:30pm	Parent Consultations	All classes
Tuesday 3 rd December 6:00-8:00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Wednesday 4 th December 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Christmas Fair	All classes
Thursday 5 th December	Peak Wildlife Educational Visit	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 10 th December 2:00pm & 6:00pm	Christmas Performance	Hydra & Draco
Monday 16 th December 3:30-4:30pm	Christmas Disco	All classes
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch - Parents/Carers invited	All classes
<i>Wednesday 18th December</i> <i>1:30-2:30pm</i>	<i>Whole School Christmas Carol Concert</i>	<i>All classes</i>
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party day	All classes
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
Friday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holiday at 3:15pm	All classes
Monday 6 th January 2025	School opens at 08:45am at the start of the New Year	All classes

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team