



Primary News

Friday 6th September 2016

Dates for your diary

Weds 14 th Sept	PTFA Meeting 9am
Weds 28 th Sept	Reception /Year 1&2 Phonics Meeting (details to follow)
Weds 5 th Oct	Reception /Year 1&2 Phonics Meeting (details to follow)
Fri 7 th Oct	INSET day (No children in school)
Weds 19 th Oct	Parents' Evening (details to follow)
Thurs 20 th Oct	Dragonfly (yr5/6) Class Assembly 9am
Fri 21 st Oct	Harvest Festival St Edwards Church 1.30pm
Fri 21 st Oct	Break up for half-term
Mon 31 st Oct	Children return to school
Mon 14 th Nov	Pantomime in school (M&M Productions)
Thurs 17 th Nov	Life Education Van
Fri 16 th Dec	End of Autumn Term (2pm finish)



Welcome back to another busy year! It's been so lovely to see so many happy smiley faces coming into school in the mornings.

Our new Reception children have all settled incredibly well and are really enjoying their time with us and the rest of the school have all successfully slotted back into their daily routines. I am sure you will all agree how smart the children look in their uniforms, especially with all of Key Stage 2 wearing a tie.

Please could I remind you that skirts/pinafores/trouser/shorts should be **grey**. Please bear this in mind when purchasing new uniform.

Spotlight on Singapore Maths No Problem!

We are delighted to be using this fantastic resource which is changing the way we plan and teach maths. It is based on an approach which has been thoroughly researched and has produced outstanding results in schools all over the world.

There is lots of information available on the website (www.mathsnoproblem.co.uk), but here is a summary of the processes involved. We will soon be offering a workshop to help explain this approach in more detail.

Maths Mastery

The whole class works through the programme of study at the same pace with ample time on each topic before moving on. Ideas are revisited at higher levels as the curriculum continues through the years.

Differentiated Activities

Tasks and activities are designed to be easy for pupils to access while still containing challenging components. For advanced learners, the textbooks also contain more complex questions so that pupils are able to develop their higher-level thinking skills.

Problem Solving

Lessons and activities are designed to be taught using problem-solving approaches to encourage pupils' higher-level thinking. The focus is on working with pupils' core skills, building on what they already know to develop their understanding of numbers in relation to each other.

Variation

The questions and examples are carefully varied to encourage pupils to think about their maths. Rather than provide mechanical repetition, the examples are designed to deepen pupils' understanding and correct their misconceptions.

Celebration Assemblies

Our Friday Celebration Assemblies will begin next week (Friday 16th September) at 9.00am.

You are all warmly invited to attend and if your child is being recognised in a Celebration Assembly, we will notify you by text message.

Facebook Page

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Our Christian Value this half term is:



Woken up late? No time for breakfast?

Toast is available every morning in the hall from 8.30 – 8.45am



15p a slice



Many thanks to Dawn Beuscher and Liz Cornish for volunteering to keep this going.

