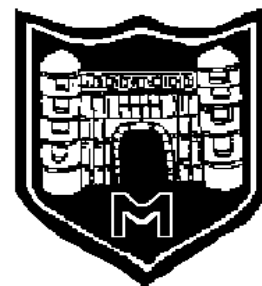


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Dear Parents/Carers



Sun Safety

We are all enjoying the lovely sunny weather at the moment, long may it continue! However, we must remember to be sun safe and to ensure that the children all have a hat, sun cream and a water bottle available every day. If your child does not have a hat or a water bottle, these can be purchased through school at a very reasonable price. Hats: £2.50 and Water Bottles: £1.20.

Please be aware that during our lunchtime break, children could be playing outside for just over an hour, so sun safety is essential. We do remind the children to stay in the shade as much as possible but they are often running around so they need to have a hat at least.

Sports Day Events

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Hughes for organising our KS1 event, Mr Elliott for the KS2 event and Mrs Nason for the morning and afternoon events for Foundation 1 & 2. Each of these events ran very smoothly because of the excellent organisation and the enthusiasm of the children. We were very lucky again with the weather, only needing to schedule the Foundation afternoon event in the Hall, but this was still a success despite the squash! Once again the PTA very kindly organised the drink stops and provided an ice pole for every child at the end of their event - wonderful!

Thank you to everyone for attending and supporting these events.

Health and Safety - Cycling

Could I please remind parents that riding a bike within the school grounds is not safe for other people on foot. We would politely request that both children and adults dismount at the school gates and walk their bike within the school grounds. Although we do encourage cycling at our school, we are very aware that this can be dangerous at the beginning and end of the school day, when very young children and parents are moving around the school. Thank you for your support with this.

Dyslexia Forum

Our next parent dyslexia forum meeting will take place on Thursday 1 July at 5pm in school. This is an opportunity for any parents who are interested in finding out more about Dyslexia and how we support children in the school, to come along for an informal chat with staff and other parents. We look forward to seeing you. The focus for this meeting is raising self esteem.

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School Communication

All parents should have received a text message alert at the beginning of this week to signal that we are now up and running with 'SchoolComms' electronic messaging system. If you did not receive a text message this week, then please let the office know because we may not have the correct mobile number registered for you. Thank you.

We have also put up two new parent notice boards, to improve communication, one on the main playground and one close to the cycle racks. Please be aware of these and check them for information which you may find useful. At your request, we have also put up notice boards for Year 1 and Year 2, to support communication.

PTA Summer Fair

Our PTA are currently working hard on the final event for this year - our Summer Fair. This will take place on Saturday 3 July from 11am-1pm and will be themed on the World Cup. The PTA are currently sending out requests for donations and helpers to support the success of the fair, please remember to donate something if you can.

Open Afternoon

Our Open Afternoon will take place on **Wednesday 14 July** and will run from **2.00- 4.00pm**. This is an opportunity for you to look through work with your child, have a tour of the school and meet the class teacher who will be teaching your child from September. Please ensure you visit the hall too, where we will have new and second hand uniform on sale, School Dinner samples for you to try, a photo slideshow running and PTA cream teas will also be on sale. Representatives from the Governing Body and from our YMCA before and after school club will be available to talk to. I will also be available all afternoon and I would love to hear your views and feedback on this school year.

Once your visit is complete, it will be possible to take your child/ren home with you before the school day ends. We simply ask that you ensure they are signed out by their class teacher and the office. Annual reports will have been sent out on Friday 9 July. If you do have any concerns about the report then it will be possible to make a separate appointment to discuss these with the current class teacher.

Inset Day

Please be aware that our final Inset Day for this term is **Monday 5 July**.

Inset Dates 2010/2011

I know it helps to have these dates as early as possible. Next year there will be an additional Inset day for all schools to look at changes to the national curriculum. Dates are as follows:

Autumn Term 2010: Monday 6 September and Monday 1 November
Spring Term 2011: Monday 17 January and Monday 28 February
Summer Term 2011: Monday 6 June and Monday 4 July

Yours sincerely

R Plaskitt
Head Teacher