



Newsletter 2—24.09.14

Dear Parents and Carers,

The parents of Class 4 will be aware that Miss Randall has been off school this week; she has been very poorly and we anticipate she will be off for a few weeks. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Whilst Miss Randall is recuperating I will take responsibility for Class 4's learning, although I won't be teaching them full-time. I will of course, keep the children and parents of Class 4 updated with who is teaching and any events we have planned. If you have any queries, please come and see me in the office or classroom. I am sure Miss Randall will be back full of her usual energy and enthusiasm as quickly as possible.

We positively encourage as many parents as possible to walk their children to school and, as an owner of a couple of dogs myself, I personally enjoy watching the children walking to school with their four legged friends. However, for the children's safety and health the Local Authority only allows us to have dog on site in special circumstances. If you walk your dog to school, could you please tie them up outside the school and away from the main gate. Even if you trust your dog around young children, some of our children are scared and find it difficult to walk past dogs. Thank you for your support in this matter.

On to more pleasant matters! Have you thought of taking the pledge?

I pledge to read every day that I eat;
to read alone, to read aloud,
to read always,
and to share the joy of reading with a child.

This is a pledge to read with your child everyday, through the website, <http://pledge-to-read.com/pledge-to-read/>. Reading with your child is so much more than just teaching them to read, but makes them feel secure, loved, builds relationships and is an excellent part of the bedtime routine. Reading with your child must be as important as eating!

Next week we are planning a sports afternoon run by Superstars. This is to promote the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. Whilst the children are out staying fit, the staff will be working with the consultant from Outdoor Play and Learning to plan improvements to the playground and how the children play. There will be a follow up meeting for parents soon, so watch this space.

Our next Parent information meeting will be an informal maths calculations session 'Have a Go Maths for Parents' on 6th October 3.15 –4.00pm. This will be an informal opportunity for parents to be taught the stages of maths calculations by the children. Each classroom will have maths activities out for parents to use and teachers will be available to answer any questions. Parents will be given a sheet with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division sums and the children will show you the methods they use to answer the questions. Get all four calculations correct and we'll give you a treat! You will have the opportunity to visit each class and see how the strategies the children use build on their past learning as they move through the school. Come and test your learning and prepare yourself for Yr 6 homework!

Regards
Alison Cooke

| W/B | | Term 1 |
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| 22.09.14 | Monday | Reception in until 1.00 |
| | Tuesday | |
| | Wednesday | |
| | Thursday | |
| | Friday | Celebration Assembly 2.30pm, all welcome |
| 29.09.14 | Monday | Reception in until 1.00 |
| | Tuesday | |
| | Wednesday | |
| | Thursday | |
| | Friday | Harvest Festival at the Church |
| 06.10.14 | Monday | No Clubs – ‘Have a go’ maths calculations for parents! Reception in until 1.00 |
| | Tuesday | |
| | Wednesday | |
| | Thursday | |
| | Friday | Celebration Assembly all welcome 2.30pm Cake stall Class 3 |
| 13.10.14 | Monday | Reception in Full-time |
| | Tuesday | Yr 6 SHARE meeting TBC |
| | Wednesday | |
| | Thursday | |
| | Friday | Celebration Assembly all welcome 2.30pm |
| 20.10.14 | Monday | |
| | Tuesday | New National Curriculum Information Meeting |
| | Wednesday | |
| | Thursday | Rednock Annual Open Evening open to all KS2 children from 6pm. See Rednock’s website for more details |
| | Friday | Celebration Assembly all welcome 2.30pm |

School Meals.

We are now serving up to 80 children a hot school meal every lunchtime. To accommodate all the children we have split lunchtime into three sittings. This means some children will not start their meal until 12.15 and sandwiches don't start eating until 12.30. We will not rush any children to finish their meal and, as always, we will encourage children to try food; we never insist they eat everything.

To make the administration of food ordering easier, please return menu by Wednesday of the previous week.

Reminder

We will be changing our INSET training day from 23rd February to **Monday 3rd November. The school will be closed to pupils on this day.**

School Harvest Assembly

Friday 3rd October 1.30—2.30 at the Church. Donation of tinned and packaged food for the Gloucester food bank to school from Monday please.

