



Parents' Evenings

We will be trialling an on-line booking system for the parents' evenings which will be taking place after the half term holiday. A letter will be coming home next week with instructions to enable you to book your appointments. We are aiming for the system to go live at 6pm on Wednesday 15th - if we have 'technical difficulties' we will keep you informed!

Athletics Tournament

Last night, 12 children took part in the Rushmoor Indoor Athletics tournament, at Samuel Cody. It was an exciting tournament with over 48 races and 6 field events. We are very proud of the children who took part and are pleased to say we were ranked 7th out of the 12 local schools. Special recognition goes to Ellena Ferguson who was the winner of the Target Throw event.

Lollipop Lady Visit

On Monday the 30th January, our Lollipop Lady paid a visit to the school. The JRSOs talked about how one of the roads near our school is deemed unsafe by fellow students. The Lollipop Lady said that she would ask her boss if they could position someone on St John's Road. At the time of writing, we are still waiting for a response. She mentioned how she normally saw drivers using their mobile phones whilst driving, and asked all pupils to tell parents not to do so as it is illegal and dangerous. In the meantime, a message from the JRSOs is: "Stay safe and cross carefully."



DIARY DATES

Wed 15 th Feb 1:30-3:00	Parents' workshop 'Helping your child to manage their emotions'
Wed 15 th Feb	Parents' evening booking system goes live
Thur 16 th Feb	Individual school photos taken - morning
Thur 16 th Feb	Meetings for parents and children - France Trip 2017 (8:30-9:00am or 5:30-6:00pm)
Fri 17 th Feb	Finish for half term holiday
Mon 27 th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 28 th Feb	Children return to school
Tues 28 th Feb	Science trip - 'The Big Bang Fair'. Selected children to represent our school.
Wed 1 st March 3:45 - 5:30	Parents' Evening
Thur 2 nd March 5:00 - 7:00	Parents' Evening
Thur 2 nd Mar	WORLD BOOK DAY Dress up as your favourite book character!
Tues 7 th Mar 3:45 - 5:30	Parents' Evening (excluding Eagle class)
Wed 8 th Mar 8:30-9:30	Avon Tyrell parents' meeting - including breakfast snacks!
Wed 8 th Mar 1:30-3:00	Parents' workshop 'Helping your child to manage their emotions'
Tues 21 st Mar 6:00-8:15	Prom Praise for Schools - details to follow
Fri 24 th Mar	Comic Relief Day & Talent Show - details to follow
Mon 3 rd April	Children visiting St John's Church during the morning - 'Walk through Easter'
5 th , 6 th , 7 th April	Year 4 Residential - Avon Tyrell
Fri 7 th April	1:30pm term finishes for Easter holiday

Fire Service

The fire service visited Year 5 recently to raise their awareness about keeping safe. Have you all checked your smoke alarms recently?



Bananagrams

This popular lunchtime club is still going strong - do encourage your children to pop along and join in the fun!



Half Price Vouchers

We have been given a number of half price vouchers for the Sea Life Centre in Brighton. If you would like to have one, please ask at the office.



Absence

Please could we remind you that if your child is going to be absent from school, you will need to phone or email the school office to let us know. If a child does not arrive at school, we need to phone home to check that they are safely with you. At present, the office is having to make a large number of phone calls as some people are not letting us know. Thank you.

Second-hand Uniform

Do you have any school uniform with the school logo that your child has outgrown? If so, please hand it in to the school office as the PTA would like to start organising second-hand uniform sales.

We also have a lot of un-named lost property in the office - please can we remind you to name all of your child's uniform so that it can be returned to them.

Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we have introduced a challenge for the children which we are hoping you are joining in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word will be introduced in each class and the children will get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Ornate'

Adjective meaning detailed or highly decorated

Year 5

'Stifle'

Verb - to suffocate or suppress

Year 6

'Plethora'

Noun describing a large quantity

How often can you use these words at home?

World Book Day – 2nd March

To celebrate World Book day, we are going to be holding a dress-up day where we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Who will you choose?



Parents' Workshop – Helping your child to manage their emotions

If you are planning to attend the workshop but haven't yet let us know, please contact the office. This will be a valuable opportunity to receive support and advice about how to help when your child experiences those 'wobbly' moments.

Alien landing on the School Field!

Year 5 were sent in to investigate when mysterious objects were found on the school field! The children wrote amazing science-fiction stories as a result. Congratulations to Lillian for winning the writing competition - an excellent story!

