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School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, there has been much in the media in the last few months relating to school funding and the dreadful state of many school budgets across the country. Our school is in a fortunate position this year and our budget is manageable. Many schools are not in this position and going forward we may well find ourselves in an equally tricky budget situation. As a head teacher it is important that we can support each other to find the best and fairest funding for every child in the country.

Recently we shared some information with you that will hopefully support you to make a decision on all parliamentary candidates in the general election.

I hope the weather stays fair for the half term break and you manage to spend some quality time with your children. I'm sure there are many events in and around Cambridge to experience and enjoy. I will look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 6th June.

Mr Askew

C&P C&YP MENTAL HEALTH

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Children & Young People Mental Health have compiled an excellent resource to support young minds. The link is <http://www.keep-your-head.com/CP-MHS/feeling-good-staying-healthy/feeling-good-staying-healthy>

WARM WEATHER

Please could you make sure that children have water bottles in school now that warmer weather has arrived. Hats are also recommended. We are not allowed to apply sun cream so please practice applying this with your children or apply a long lasting brand at home before the school day.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Could we please remind you that nobody should park in front of the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day, this is for the safety of the children. The car park is in constant use with professionals and staff members needing access at all times.

SWIMMING

Please note that all children must wear a swimming hat and that earrings must be removed. It is not advisable to get ears pierced over half term as this will result in children missing swimming if they are unable to remove them. All swimsuits need to be one piece, no bikinis are allowed. Hats are on sale at the school office for £1. Please add a pair of flip flops/crocs or similar for wearing around the pool area to the children's swim kits. The swimming timetable is on the back page of the newsletter and will remain there until the end of this year. We are very lucky to offer 3 swimming sessions to each class this year. We cannot always guarantee that they will have 3 sessions if there are other things going on in school.

PENGUINS

We will be looking forward to our trip to Hinchbrooke Country Park on 21st June, details to follow. This will tie in with our topic about Mini Beasts and Water. Mrs Rogan would just like to reassure all parents about the upcoming swimming lessons. The children will be able to reach the bottom of the pool, it is all the same depth. You will not need to supply arm bands as we have some in school. A Teaching Assistant will be in the pool with the children at all times. The children are in the pool for about 20 minutes and only half the class will go in at a time.

PEACOCKS

Peacocks have enjoyed exploring the Seaside topic this half term. We have made lighthouses after reading the book *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* by Rhonda and David Armitage.

Term Dates 2016 - 2017

SUMMER TERM 2017

Half Term
29th May – 2nd June

INSET DAY 5 – School Closed
Monday 5th June

End of Term
Friday 21st July

PENALTY NOTICES

Penalty notices require each parent of a child of compulsory school age, whose attendance has been unsatisfactory, to pay a penalty, currently £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days. Unpaid Penalty Notices can result in criminal convictions.

SCHOOL TIMINGS

Just to remind everyone that school starts at 9.05am and finishes at 3.25pm. If you are going to be late please contact the office.



MEAL COSTS

Years 3 - 6

£2.25 per day

£11.25 per week

£67.75 per half term

Please pay via Agora – any questions, do speak to the office.

PEACOCKS CONTINUED

Tomorrow we will be having a seaside day after assembly. We have also been learning about fairy tales. After the week off we will be concentrating on animals and humans. Our school trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park on Monday 3rd July is also linked to this topic, details to follow.

TOUCANS

We will be finishing our Decade's topic with a dress down day tomorrow. The children will be dressing as a person from their favourite decade. There are lots of exciting things planned for next half term, details to follow!

NIGHTINGALES

We were very impressed with Nightingales recent assembly. The performance was very good and nobody forgot their lines! Our next topic is about Cambridge and the local area. As part of this topic Nightingales will be writing their own tourist guides.

ROBINS

Robins next topic is Art. We will be looking at lots of artists and their different styles of work. This is mainly in preparation for Art Week.

EAGLES

Year 6 enjoyed their recent trip to Frankie & Benny's where they made pizza and dough sticks. The whole class are looking forward to their trip punting on the first day back after half term. This is to round off our Cambridge University Topic. After the break we will be looking at Amazing Americas.

WATER BOTTLES

We have some Fen Ditton water bottles for sale in the office. They are £2. If you would like to purchase one then please pop in. All funds to the PTFA.

PARKRUN

Last week Tracy who helps to run Junior Parkrun came and held an assembly to explain to the children how Junior Parkrun works. We are currently promoting this in school and have a 'Hall of Fame' board up in the hall where children's names and their finish time will be added for the first Parkrun they complete. Their name will move up every time they get a personal best. We will also be looking to promote the children volunteering when they can. The following are Q&A's supplied by Parkrun.

What is Cambridge junior parkrun?

It is a 2k run for juniors only (4-14 year olds). If you are not a junior please try one of our weekly Saturday parkrun events instead.

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 10:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place in Milton Country Park, Milton, Cambridge, Cambs, CB24 6AZ.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! But please **register** before your first run. Only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a **printed** copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)).

How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

We're friendly!

Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee in Café Diem - please come and join us!

For more information please visit:

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/cambridge-juniors/>

We hope everyone going to the disco tonight has a great time and we wish you all a lovely week off. See you all on Tuesday 6th June.

Spring and Summer Term 2016/2017 Diary Dates



Thursday 25 th May	PTFA Summer Disco - 6pm
Friday 26 th May	Class Assembly – 9.15am Peacocks
Monday 29 th May– Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th June	Term Starts
Tuesday 6 th June	Eagles trip punting
Monday 19 th – Wednesday 21 st June	Robins & Eagles residential to Grafham
Wednesday 21 st June	Penguins trip to Hinchbrooke Country Park
Friday 30 th June	Class Assembly – 9.15am Toucans
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day – time to be confirmed
Monday 3 rd July	Bottisham Village College Transition Day
Monday 3 rd July	St Bede's Transition Day
Monday 3 rd July	Peacocks trip to Shepreth
Tuesday 4 th July	Bottisham Village College Transition Day
Friday 7 th July	Class Assembly – 9.15am Penguins
Tuesday 11 th July	Eagles & Robins Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12 th July	Eagles & Robins Show 1 2.30pm
Thursday 13 th July	Eagles & Robins Show 2 6.30pm
Saturday 15 th July	PTFA Fayre 11 – 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Lunch
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.20am
Monday 4 th September	Training Day 1
Tuesday 5 th September	Autumn Term Starts

PTFA NEWS

TONIGHT!!

Thursday 25th May, Summer Disco 6pm



Saturday 15th July, Summer fete 11am-1.30pm



SWIMMING LESSON TIMETABLE

Please see below the timetabled days for each class to swim. Swimming will start as soon as we come back.

Penguins	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Peacocks	Monday, Thursday and Friday
Toucans	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Nightingales	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Robins	Monday, Thursday and Friday
Eagles	Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Eagles who won last week's attendance award with a total of 99%.

CLASS ATTENDANCE LEAGUE 2016 2017

Class	Attendance Figure	Grade
1 st : Eagles	97%	Above National Average
2 nd : Penguins	96%	Above National Average
2 nd : Peacocks	96%	Above National Average
3 rd : Toucans	95%	Below National Average
4 th : Nightingales	94%	Below National Average
5 th : Robins	93%	Below National Average