



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA Meeting last week. It was lovely to see some new faces! Thank you to Mrs Stevenson for being our PTA Secretary, she has now stepped down and Mrs Crowley has agreed to accept the role. There are lots of exiting activities planned for the remainder of the academic year—please keep an eye on future newsletters for more information.

If you or another family member work for a bank, they may be interested in match-funding one of the stalls at our Summer Fair. It is a very straight-forward process and many banks are more than happy to do this. Please speak to the school office or Mandi Law, our PTA Chair, if you think they may be interested so that we can explore the idea further.

I would like to remind our Year Two parents that SATS will be taking place throughout May, so please can I respectfully ask that you do not book any days off during this period. That said, we do not endorse any days off during term time.

Finally, we understand that some of our children, particularly in Year Two, have been playing a game called Fortnite. We would urge parents not allow to their children to play this game as it is not age-appropriate, with frequent scenes of mild violence, and there have been reports of children chatting on-line to unknown people through this game.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Nail Varnish

Our school policy does not permit nail varnish to be worn in school. Please save this as a treat for holidays and weekends only.

Dentist

We strongly recommend that all children visit a dentist every six months. All children under the age of 18 are entitled to free NHS treatment so please contact your local Dentist for more information.

School Lunches

Week commencing 28th January we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

Bag2School

We will be collecting textile donations on 5th and 6th March and sending them off to Bag2School. Bag2School will then pay us commission based on the weight of the textiles they have collected. If you are having a clear-out over the half term holiday this is an ideal opportunity to recycle any unwanted textiles and raise money for the school at the same time.

Bag2School accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo (the school will gladly accept these if they are kept separate).
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please note that, due to limited space, we cannot accept donations before Monday 4th March. Bag2School are collecting our donations on Wednesday 6th March so we are unable to accept any further donations after 3pm on 6th March.

Maths Open Morning

On Wednesday 30th January, we will be holding a Maths Open Morning for you to come along and see how maths is taught in your child's class. If you would like to attend, please wait in the school hall after dropping your child off. The workshop will finish at 10am.

As the workshop will take place in the classroom, unfortunately we are unable to admit pre-school children to this workshop as it is too much of a distraction for the children.

Exiting the school before 9am

Just to remind all parents and carers that, if you do need to bring your child into the school building in the morning, please can you leave via the playground before 9am.

To comply with our safeguarding policy, it is not possible for parents to leave via the reception area before 9am.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year Two Church Visit

On Thursday 31st January, our Year Two children will be visiting St Peter's Church.

- Emerald Class will be leaving at 9.15am and returning to school at 11am.
- Sapphire Class will be leaving at 10am and returning to school at 11.15am.

In order for the visits to go ahead, we will need sufficient parent helpers for each class to accompany us to the church. If you are able to help, and you have not already notified us, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

You do not need to be DBS checked with the school to accompany this trip as you will not be left unattended with the children.

Clothing

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with *their* name. If you have been given items of clothing, please ensure that your child's name appears on the clothing, otherwise it is impossible for us to return it to the right person.

Parent Interviews

On Monday 18th March (early slots) and on Wednesday 6th March (evening slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school.

Sign up sheets will be put out in the playground on **Monday 11th February from 8.40am** for you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

If you are not dropping your child off at school that morning and you would like to make an appointment, please call the school after 10am on 11th February on 01252 321426 or come to the office where the sign up sheets will be available.

Year One Bake Sale

The Year One Bake Sale is on **Monday 11th February**. Please could Year One parents bring in cakes for us to sell. Donations could include cup cakes, Chocolate Brownies, Rocky Road or anything that the children would like to buy! We always sell out, so all donations are gratefully received!

All proceeds go directly to the two classes for the children to spend.

Please can you bring your bakes in on the morning of 11th and leave them by the staff entrance.

If you are able to help on the day please let the school office know.

World Book Day—7th March 2019

To celebrate World Book Day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Thursday 7th March**.

Usborne Books will also be coming into school and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme.

If your child would like to save some money in the book saving scheme, please put it in an envelope with their name, class, and the amount on and ask them to hand it in to the school office or pop it in the school post box in reception.

Parents will be able to come into school and look at the range of books available from 2.45pm on this day.

Gardening

If you know anyone who would be interested in doing some light gardening for us, in a voluntary capacity, please let the school office know.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 1 runs every Monday, up to and including 11th February from 3.00pm-4.15pm.

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two is held every Tuesday from 3pm-3.45pm.

Unfortunately there are no further spaces available at present.

Learning Zone

Please take a look at our Learning Zone on our website, where you will find links to interactive phonics and maths games online. You can access the page by going to our website, then clicking on the Learning tab, then the Learning Zone.

Please be aware of internet safety when using on-line websites.

We will be adding a new link shortly, which will cover information shared in our Parent Workshops.

RM EasiMaths Challenge

We will be continuing the challenge throughout January and we hope that many more children will use RM EasiMaths at least 3 times a week. The children have already chosen a highlighter as their reward if they complete 100 minutes or more in January.

Year R children have now been sent log on details for this learning programme and many children have completed their first 100 minutes and received their maths toolkit.

This programme is very engaging and fun to use and it encourages even the most reluctant mathematician to have a go! It fully supports everything that your child is being taught at school and helps them to commit problem solving skills to their long term memory.

Please keep the kit safe as we hope it will help the children with their homework. New mathematical items are added each month and we hope all the children will enjoy their own set of maths equipment.

Things to do at home!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Spring Term 1		
30th January	Maths Open Morning	9.10am-10am
11th February	Year One Bake Sale	3pm
11th February	Sign up sheets will be in the playground for parents to sign up for Parent Interviews	8.40am
15th February	Inter-class Smartie Challenge (for the half term holiday—more info to follow)	
15th February	End of term	3pm finish
Spring Term 2		
25th February	Inset Day (school closed to children)	
26th February	Back to school	8.45am
6th March	Final day to send in clothing donations for Bags2School	3pm
6th March	Parent Interviews—late slots	6.00pm-8.20pm
7th March	World Book Day and Usborne Books visiting school	
18th March	Parent Interviews—early slots (more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.00pm
21st March	Year Two SATS Workshop (more information to follow)	2.30pm
29th March	Mother's Day Assembly (for Mothers and Grandmothers only)	9.10am-9.55am
1st April	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4pm return
5th April	End of term	1.10pm finish
Summer Term		
23rd April	Back to school	8.45am
26th April	Mufti for Garden Toys (more info to follow)	
29th April—10th May	Living Eggs in school (more information to follow)	
10th May	Mufti Day for bottles and sweets (more information to follow)	
11th May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fair	12-3pm
13th May	Class Photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
14th June	Father's Day Celebration (for Dads and Grandads only)	TBA
28th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	12.00pm
12th July	Sports Day (Timings to be advised)	
22nd July	Year Two Leaver's Assembly	2pm
24th July	End of term	1.10pm finish

2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)

Monday 25th February and Monday 3rd June