



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I trust that all our families within the school community had an enjoyable and restful Easter break and it is lovely to see all the children back at school today. Can you believe that we have now entered our final term of this school year...time

really is going by us very quickly. The Summer Term in school is always very busy with many different things happening. In the coming weeks children will be preparing for sports day, completing their end of year tests, rehearsing for our annual music evening and much more. Please pay close attention to my newsletters and notifications via our app and e-mail system for more information on upcoming events.

Many thanks,

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

## **Extra Curricular Clubs**

As a result of all the teaching staff giving of their time in the Autumn and Spring Term, children across school have had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extra curricular clubs on a weekly basis. As mentioned in a previous newsletter the majority of our extra curricular clubs have now **come to an end** and will not continue this term. A small number of clubs will continue – mainly clubs provided by external companies that parents pay for – eg. Burns Soccer, Hola Bonjour etc. Our choir will also continue as they will need to rehearse for our up coming musical evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of staff for giving of their time to lead extra curricular activities during the course of this school year.

## **New School Report Format**

When you receive your child's school report this year you will find that it looks very different to recent reports. Just before the Easter Break, I sent out a questionnaire to a randomly selected group of parents asking for open and honest feedback on our report format. Our school report has now been redesigned taking on board as many comments from the returned questionnaires as possible. Thanks goes out to the parents for returning their questionnaires so promptly.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP
TEAM

**Principal** 

Mr C. Fulton

Acting Vice Principal
/ Foundation & KS1
Lead

Mrs J. Orr

Special Needs Coordinator and Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Miss J. Minnis

**Nursery Lead** 

Mrs P. Addis

**KS2** Representative

Mrs H. Galbraith

I'M WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN SCHOOL.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Miss Minnis (Designated Teacher for Child Protection)





Huge congratulations to the children from each class, nominated by their class teacher for our new Monthly Principal's Award. This award goes to a pupil in the class for following our Golden Rule of the Month particularly well. For this month it was **We Work Hard.** 

Each child was nominated by their class teacher and a certificate and invitation to a Tea Party with the Principal was posted home.

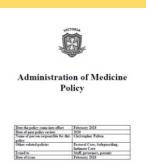
Well done to them all. I wonder who will receive a special letter in the post next month?



# <u>Policy For April – Administration of Medicine</u>

We are fully aware that children may, at times, require medicine to be administered when they are at school. As a school we will do our best to support your child. As per our policy, the following points must be adhered to:

- Only prescription medication will be administered school staff must see the prescription label.
- A form must be signed in the school office in order for medication to be given when a child is at school.





Does your child have a mobile phone / tablet?

Do they have internet access?

Are you 100% sure of what each app on the phone is?

Our colleagues at the Education Authority have recently sent schools this information to pass on to our parents and carers regarding certain apps that children may have access to on their phone or tablet. Although some of the apps may be used more by teenagers I think it is important that you are made aware of them.

If you need any further information relating to internet safety, please visit the Think U Know website at

www.thinkuknow.co.uk



10 Apps Teens are Using that Parents Need to Know



Calculator%

This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



Hot or Not Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead



Omegle

A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



Burn Book Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts,



Yellow

This app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.



Wishbone
An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.

and photos.



Whisper

An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



Kik Messo

Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.



Ask.fm
Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user





As mentioned in my previous newsletter, we will no longer be using our Parent Mail e-mail system from the beginning of this term. Thank you to all the parents / carers for either downloading our school's app, entering their email address on our school website or following us on twitter.

If you returned my letter dated Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March requesting a paper copy of information moving forward this has now been recorded.

All future correspondents will be via the app, e-mail and twitter – NOT PARENT MAIL.



## **Dates for your diary**

Dates highlighted in bold are new or have been recently amended.



11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - School reopens

3rd May 2018 - PTA Bingo Evening @ 7pm

4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - School Closed (School Development Day)

7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - School Closed – Bank Holiday

24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Victoria's Musical Celebration

28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - School Closed – Bank Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Sports Day

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - School Closed (School Development Day)

16th June 2018 - Summer Fayre

27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - P7 Record of Achievement Day (School Closes at

1pm for all other pupils)

28th June 2018 - Summer Disco

29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays.

## **AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CLUB**

A reminder that our afterschool wraparound activity club takes please each day. If you would like to book your child in please pick up a booking form from the school office.

Thanks to our parents and carers for returning the questionnaire regarding extending the opening hours of our wraparound activity up until 6pm each evening. Unfortunately, we did not gain enough interest for this to happen at this time.