



Principal's Newsletter

April 2018



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 upcoming 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 Co- ordinator 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)



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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?



Policy For April – Administration of Medicine

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.



Administration of Medicine Policy

When the policy came into effect:	February 2018
Date of next policy review:	2020
Name of person responsible for this policy:	Christophine Wilson
Other related policies:	Personal Care, Safeguarding, Behaviour Code
Issued to:	Staff, governors, parent
Date of issue:	February 2018



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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.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Instagram
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 leaves conversation.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM



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 15th 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.



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Dates for your diary

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



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| 11 th April 2018 | - | School reopens |
| 3rd May 2018 | - | PTA Bingo Evening @ 7pm |
| 4 th May 2018 | - | School Closed (School Development Day) |
| 7 th May 2018 | - | School Closed – Bank Holiday |
| 24 th May 2018 | - | Victoria's Musical Celebration |
| 28 th May 2018 | - | School Closed – Bank Holiday |
| 6 th June 2018 | - | Sports Day |
| 7 th – 8 th June 2018 | - | School Closed (School Development Day) |
| 16th June 2018 | - | Summer Fayre |
| 27 th June 2018
1pm for all other pupils) | - | P7 Record of Achievement Day (School Closes at |
| 28th June 2018 | - | Summer Disco |
| 29 th June 2018 | - | School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays. |

AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CLUB

A reminder that our afterschool wraparound activity club takes place 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.