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NEWSLETTER 1 - 16.01.2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome a new pupil into Oak Class and lots of new children into Nursery. They are all settling in well, making new friends and enjoying their learning. If you are a new parent to school please feel free to come and ask any questions you may have or to clarify things. I am on the playground most mornings or you can come and find me at Reception. It is absolutely fine to ask questions and a worry shared is always easier to solve than one which has been dwelled on.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club is up and running and open to all children at a cost of £6 or £9 depending on the length of stay. If you would like to book a place please complete the booking form (emailed previously or in the office).

You may have seen on the news that the Government offers tax free childcare. You have to set up an online Tax Free Childcare account (www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) and for every £8 you pay in the Government will contribute £2 to pay your childcare provider. As a school we've now set up our details so you can use this for Breakfast Club and After School Club, just search for our school by name. You can then withdraw money to send to school by BACS. If you are planning to do this please contact the office for our bank details and when you've sent money please email the office to tell us how much you've sent and what it is to be used for (eg. Breakfast Club/After School Club) and the dates/times.

You cannot get Tax Free Childcare at the same time as claiming Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers.

PE LESSONS

Willow and Rowan classes are enjoying their gymnastic lessons on a Tuesday and Oak class are welcome at the gymnastics after school session. For safety reasons please ensure that your child has their hair tied back on a Tuesday for these lessons.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day so we are asking all children (and staff!!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic outfits but are very happy for you to be creative and use what you have at home or equally for your child to come in non-uniform if they are not a fan of dressing up.

VALENTINE'S DISCO

Just to remind you the Valentine's Disco takes place on Thursday 9th February, a letter will be sent home nearer the time with a slip to return with the payment please. The times for each class will be on the letter. Please note - there will be NO Doncaster Rovers Football Club that day.

I LOVE YOU DAY



Please come and celebrate the love you share with your children on Thursday 9th February. The children will work with you on a variety of activities which will celebrate Valentine's Day. If you are unable to come please feel free to send granny, granddad etc.

If this is not possible please speak to me and I will happily go and work with your child. If you have two children at the same time please feel free to take one child to the other child's classroom (Y2 will be quieter as the class is smaller).

Class	Time	Location
Rowan (Year 2)	9:00 - 9:45 am	Rowan Class
Willow (Year 1)	9:00 - 9:45 am	Willow Class
Oak (F2/Reception)	2:30 - 3:15 pm	Oak Class
Acorns (F1) AM	11:15 - 11:45 am	Acorns (Nursery)
Acorns (F1) PM & 30 hour children	2:45 - 3:15 pm	Acorns (Nursery)

ASSESSMENTS

Year 2 Assessments will take place in the month of May and the Year 1 Phonics test will take place during week beginning Monday 12th June 2023. These are statutory government assessments which have to take place but we will ensure that they are carried out in a relaxed and happy atmosphere with a drink and a biscuit at the end! **Please do not book holidays during this time.**

Y2 SWIMMING

ADVANCE WARNING: Please be aware that if your child has their ears pierced they will need to have their earrings taken out before school on swimming days and if they get them newly pierced and cannot take them out then they will not be allowed to swim - these are Notts School Swimming rules. Y2's will start swimming on Monday 27th February and will swim every Monday until the end of the summer term. Girls have to wear a one piece swimsuit and boys have to wear fitted (speedo type) swimming trunks or shorts - not fabric shorts with pockets. We will send out consent forms nearer the time.

FOOD HUB

Bags remain at £2.50 but Fare Share food remains in short supply so we will continue with families only - it is fine for grandparents to shop if they are picking up and shopping instead of the parent. Opens at 3pm.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 9 th February	Valentines Disco - letter to follow
Thursday 9 th February	I Love You Day - see above
Friday 10 th February	Willow and Rowan visit to Torworth Gym - AM
Friday 10 th February	Break-up for half term
Monday 20 th February	First day back at school
Tuesday 21 st February	Individual (and siblings) School Photos. If you would like a picture with non-school age siblings please come into school at 8.30am.
Monday 27 th February	First swimming session for Rowan class (Year 2)
Tuesday 28 th February	Willow & Rowan Class Visit to Elizabethan Dance Festival
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Week commencing 20 th March	Baby chicks arriving in school
Friday 31 st March	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	First day back at school after holidays

Reminder: we have some preloved school uniform (lots of trousers, skirts etc) and shoes so please ask at Reception. Uniform does not have to have the school logo on or be new!

Food Hub runs every Friday in Term Time at 3pm - £2.50 per bag.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term of learning. Please continue to support children in Oak, Willow and Rowan with getting as many reads recorded as possible - I am looking forward to nibbling some more chocolate with them all!

Mrs Cook
Head Teacher