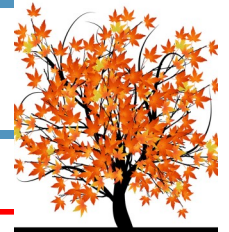




Learners for Life...



Dear all,
What a busy term so far what with sporting activities, visits to museums and many magic moments.

One of my favourite moments this week was in the Year 4 class, where one of the children said, 'Mrs Peat, we've been giving away free hugs, do you want one?' I had to smile when another child said he was too old for hugs. Needless to say my response was you are never too old for a hug. What then happened was a bunch of children descended in to a massive group hug. We all smiled for the rest of the day!

Homework diaries.

My apologies the homework diaries have taken a long time to sort. We were hoping to have personalised ones made, but unfortunately this has not been possible as the cost was too high. Therefore we have ordered the same ones as last year, but will be creating some homework packs for each child. These will have in them their diary some resources to use at home and any login details they may need. We hope these will be a useful tool. These should be with you next week. Please let me know if there is anything else you would like adding in to them.

Interested in knowing more about how to help your child with phonics at home?

If so we are holding a special phonics workshop for parents on Tuesday 1st November 3.30-4.00. A crèche will be provided. We hope to give parents an insight in to how we teach phonics and reading in school and some simple ways you can help your child at home. We hope to see you there.

School council elections

Today the voting booths have arrived and next week will see children put themselves forward for school council elections. We are hoping this is as exciting as last time. To make it as real as possible staff, at the same time, will be voting for the staff member they would like to represent them on the governing body. I can't wait to find out who they choose! Mrs Eason will then be working alongside her new team to gain the pupil's ideas and help them put these in to practice.

Regards
Clare Peat

Castle View Crew

The children have been asking when the next Castle View Crew assembly will be. So a date of Friday 21st October has been set. I wonder who will receive their bands and be recognised for being ultimately trustworthy throughout school!

After school club to continue...

The after school club was so popular last year we have decided to continue with it this term. To make picking up easier for parents we will be purchasing a mobile so that parents can contact the club staff outside normal office hours, as the bell system is temperamental!

If you are unsure of what activities are available please see the parents notice board, school website or pop in to the office for a flyer.

Can I please remind parents to book and pay in advance so that we have the right staffing numbers.

Residential for next year.

For the past two years we have taken the children to Lea Green development centre, which is excellent. To keep the visit fresh we are looking at other providers to see if they can offer us the same quality.

We are in the process of getting prices for next year and hope to be able to announce the venue, date and cost before we break up for October half term. So watch this space!





Governors and our school.

Applications for the vacancy of parent governor has now closed and the deadline for staff applications is Monday.

We received one parent governor application from Leanne Ryder. This means as there are no other applicants she will automatically be elected. This will be Leanne's second term as governor and we welcome her back on to the governing body.

Academisation update...

As of yet we have not heard from the Department for Education as to whether our application to join the QEGS multi-academy trust has been successful. The moment we hear we will let you know.

Individual and Family photos.

Jane Stapleton photographers will be in school next Wednesday to take individual pupil photographs during the school day.



From 8.30 until 9.00 they will be holding a family photo session.

Any parents who wish to attend are invited to go to the school hall between 8.30 and 9.00.

Please can I remind all parents to supervise their children at all times in the hall as there are some large pieces of P.E. equipment which are not designed for younger children. Many thanks.

Nursery changes.

Moving the two year olds to their own special room has been fantastic. It has also meant that we are now able to offer paid sessions to anyone who is not entitled to the government funded sessions.

If anyone wishes to book a paid nursery morning session they run from 9.00 until 12.00 each morning at a cost of £10.00.

Places are limited so if you wish to book a place please contact the school office to check availability

Parking on the school site

Can I ask all parents to be extra careful when coming onto and leaving the school site. If you are arriving by car please make sure you drive slowly and take care to ensure there are no children nearby.



Attendance awards

Being in school regularly really does make a huge difference to children's learning but also their friendship groups. We all know that children can be poorly and wouldn't want them to be in school if they were ill. However not being in school can unsettle a child, as they have to catch up on learning and may have missed out on lots of fun with their friends.

Just one day lost can mean a loss of 6 hours of learning and socialising. One day a week over a half term can add up to a staggering 48 hours! So please ensure your child has good attendance (95% or above).

At the end of last year you may remember we had a reward for those children who achieved 95% or more attendance.

We are looking into what the children would like this term as a treat, one suggestion is a pizza delivery. Yum!!

Books donated...surprise!

We had a lovely surprise last week as a box of books arrived. These were kindly purchased for us and donated by the Co-operative store in Matlock. The books have now been added to our library for the children to enjoy at their leisure. Many thanks go to the Co-op for their kind gift. It's always lovely to receive a surprise.



Dates for your diaries

October

Wednesday 12th	8.30-9.00 Family photos in the hall. Individual school photos.
Friday 14th	Y2 Multi Skills at Highfields (12.00-3.00)
Tuesday 18th	Parent Consultation evening (3.30-6.00)
Wednesday 19th	Parent Consultation evening (3.30- 5.00) Y4 Volleyball, Curling & Goalball at Highfield's (1.00-3.00)
Monday 31st	Flu injections for Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils (in school) Halloween Disco

November

Friday 18th	Children in Need 'Spotacular'
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December

Friday 9th	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics at Highfields (1-3)
Monday 19th	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20th	School closed to pupils

Key dates for 2017

Tuesday 31st January	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 1st February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Friday 7th July	Sports Day

INSET days for 2016-2017
19th and 20th December
and 26th May

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Dates for your diaries...yearly planner

2016/2017

September

5th INSET day, school closed to pupils.
6th INSET day, school closed to pupils.

October

21st Break up for October half term
31st Pupils start back.
31st Closing date for Secondary School place applications.

November

18th World Book Day

December

17th Break up for Christmas holidays
19th INSET day, school closed to pupils.
20th NSET day, school closed to pupils.

January

3rd Pupils start back.
31st Parent Consultations

February

1st Parent Consultations
10th Break up for February half term
20th Pupils start back.

March

2nd World Book Day
24th Red Nose Day

April

7th Break up for Easter
24th Pupils start back.

May

1st May Day bank holiday. School closed.
26th Break up for Whitsun.

June

5th Pupils start back.

July

7th Sports Day
21st July Break up for Summer.

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