

Good afternoon,

This is likely to be our last Newsblog of Term 1 as we finish on Wednesday 18th October.

I was fortunate enough to be able to visit our Y6 pupils and staff at the Residential on Thursday morning. I was so impressed with the whole group and they've had a truly excellent week. I would like to extend a big thank you to the staffing team that have looked after the group for the whole week.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Spencer & The Tadpole Team

Date	What?	Who?	Additional info
Week commencing 16 October	NO teacher run clubs this week		
Tuesday 17th October	Swimming	Y3	
Wednesday 18th October	Last day of Term 1	ALL	Finish at normal time, Lilypad after school club still open after school as usual
Monday 30th October	INSET - school closed	ALL	
Tuesday 31st October	First day of Term 2	ALL	
Tuesday 31st October	Swimming	Y3	
Thursday 2 November	Flu Vaccination	YR - Y6 only	Details have been shared with parents on how to sign up and the information is also on our website under parent information
Thursday 2nd November	Parent Consultations 1	ALL	Please see details on how to book a meeting below
Week commencing 6th November	NO Teacher run clubs this week		
Tuesday 7th November	Parent Consultations 2	ALL	Please see details on how to book a meeting below
Thursday 7th December	FOTF Winter Fayre & Carols by Candlelight	ALL	
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children charity	ALL	

Friday 15th December	End of Term 2		
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Beginning of the School Day

Please be aware that the School day begins at 8.50. We need to shut and lock our gates at this time and keep the site safe for our children. Some of our Reception parents have been locked in having dropped their children off after 8.50 via the side gate - of course we'd like to avoid this. We have a growing number of pupils arriving through the School Office after this time. This creates a large piece of work for our Office Team who are already busy helping our children and our staff team. Thank you for supporting this.

Year 3, 4 & 5 Reward Day - 18.10.23

Throughout the School year, year groups will earn Reward Days through hard work and showing their School Values. Our 3, 4 and 5 children have earned a non-uniform day on Wednesday 18th October. This can include sports kits however we do ask that pupils do not wear sandals or shoes with a heel as well as considering the weather. Well done to them.

As well as this, Year 5 pupils can bring in board games or a recreational activity that they would like to do with their peers such as colouring books. We ask that any electronics or toys/games with special meaning are not brought into school.

Parents Evening Appointment System now open for bookings

Please find the link below that will allow you to book a Parent Consultation appointment with childrens' Class Teachers for either Thursday 2 November **or** Tuesday 7 November 2023. (If you are unsure of the teacher please check with your child as they will know).

These appointments will be held in school face to face and will last 10 minutes.

Only meetings that are booked in will take place on both evenings.

If you cannot attend either date, we may be able to set up a phone call with the Class Teacher - please contact the School Office to arrange this.

Please can we ask that only one meeting be booked per family wherever possible.

Details will be sent out separately to our Nursery parents. A list will be attached to let parents know which Nursery class teacher they need to book an appointment with.

Please click the link below to access the system:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/54haz>

Parking on-site

We continue to shut and lock the car park entrance gate whenever we can. On the one day that we could not this week, we saw the return of many more cars on site, making it unsafe for our pupils. I cannot promise that I will lock the gate at 3.15pm every day, but I will try to.

Please do not view the open gate as an invitation to park on site.

Cuddly Toys/Fiddle Toys

Class Teachers are reporting a steep rise in the number of cuddly toys and fiddle toys coming into school. Largely, these act as a distraction during learning times - please can we ask that these not come into School. Class Teachers will approach you if they believe your child needs a fiddle toy in school and will provide one.

Book donations

Thank you for the donations that have been received this week, we are still looking for more donations of books if you have any please drop off at the school office. Thank you

This year we are looking to expand the variety of books that we offer the children in school. With that in mind, we would like to ask that if you are having a clear out we would love to give your old books a new home.

*We are looking for **shorter chapter books** or non-fiction books in particular. All books must be in a good condition and where possible, appropriate for children in Year 3-6.*

Closing of side gate - NEST project

The side gate has been closed for 4 weeks now due to ongoing site work on our new NEST area.

We expect that this will be resolved before the beginning of Term 2 and will confirm this with you. Thank you for being patient whilst this work is being completed. Due to an unavoidable delay in the delivery of a new skylight, we are still unable to open this space or the gate by the car park. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

YR Reading Books

Please can the children have their reading books in their clear folders in school everyday so that we can hear them read and change their books when required. The sharing story books need to be returned on Wednesday to be swapped.