

Welcome back to school for the summer term 2017. This term, our topic is The Secret Garden. Our focus value is self-discipline. We are encouraging the children to Pause, Reflect, Act, especially at playtimes, to help ensure that school is a safe and happy place for everyone. We will be busy with trips and residential this term and hope the weather will be kind! We will be continuing to develop our outdoor learning, with Plant a Plate and Sports Day as well and a number of classes will be holding their class assemblies.



Following the SATs tests in May, Year 6 and all the junior children will begin work on the summer production, and we will be open for Fathers' Day afternoon and Scintillating Science.

It will be another busy term, and we hope to see you at lots of these events.

Collecting children at the end of the day: To ensure a safe and efficient handover of children, please note and follow the following:

- Infant classes will come out a couple of minutes before the juniors. This does not mean that you are late if you are not yet there, but it reduces congestion at 3.15.
- Junior classes will come out once the infants are out on the playground.
- **From now:** Parents and carers are asked to wait behind the NEW BLUE LINE on the playground so that we can see you more easily. We will trial this until half term, and if it is helpful it will become a permanent arrangement.



Safeguarding and Efficiency

In order to help us to keep children safe and to meet your needs in the most effective way, please note the following, which will be in place from next Monday 24th April.



Office Hours: The office will be open to deal with parents' queries, uniform purchases etc at the following times each day:

8.50 (after the bell has gone) until 9.30
11.45 until 12.15
2.45 until 3.15.



You can of course come in *at any time* in the event of an emergency, but for non-urgent matters we ask that you adhere to these times. You can also leave messages/order forms etc in the secure POST BOX outside the front door.

We are not able to allow parents to use the toilets whilst school is in session i.e. after 8.45 and before 3.15. If you have a child with you who needs the toilet urgently, please ask a member of the office staff to take them for you.



Please ensure that you have paid for dinners or contacted the office to confirm that you want a school meal for your child **before 9.30** on the first day of term. This is to avoid confusion and cost where children are changing to packed lunches but parents have not informed the office of the change.



Please ensure that you have let the office know before 3 pm if you are likely to be late collecting your child or wish to change the arrangement for that day. (This is only if the person collecting is not included on your authorisation form.) This is so that the message can be sent to class before the end of the day.

Whilst we regret having to be a little less flexible, in times of increasing workload and dwindling resources, we must ensure that we are working as efficiently as we possibly can as well as ensuring the safety of children at all times, so please help us by following these guidelines. Thank you.



Class assemblies:

Please note that Badger Class are swapping their class assembly date with Squirrel Class. Squirrel Class will now hold their assembly on FRIDAY 12TH MAY and Badger Class on FRIDAY 30TH JUNE. The school calendar will be updated accordingly, but please put these dates in your diary if you have a child in these classes – thank you.



Vacancy

We are looking for somebody to support in the office on Friday afternoons and at other times by arrangement. You need to be organised, flexible and aware of confidentiality issues. If you are interested, please speak to a member of the office staff as soon as possible. The closing date is MONDAY 24th April, at 3.30 pm.



Attendance

Purple Sapphire Class won the attendance award for last week with 99.2%. Well done to them!



Online Safety Tip

Delete old accounts

If you've stopped using a social media site or forum, then close your account down. There's no point in leaving personal information out there unnecessarily.

Term Dates and Holidays 2016 -2017 and 2017 - 2018

All term and holiday dates for this year and next year are available on the website. Please ask at the office if you cannot access them.

Please note: At this point we can confirm that **Monday September 4th 2017 will be an Inset day.** We expect the autumn term to begin for children on Tuesday September 5th. However, all other holiday/Inset dates may be subject to minor changes – we will confirm the final dates as soon as we possibly can.

Inset Days 2016/2017

Friday 28th April 2017 (giving families a long weekend, with Bank Holiday Monday)
Monday June 5th 2017



Coming Up...

28th April – Inset Day

12th May Squirrel class assembly

15th May Toddler morning in Nursery

15th May Year 6 Residential trip

19th May Year 6 return

24th May Year 4 Residential

26th May Year 4 residential finishes