

Newsletter 8th September 2023



Message from Mrs Crocker

Newsletter

A huge welcome back to everyone! What a wonderful start to the new year. The sun is shining, and it seems like all children and adults have huge smiles on their faces! I always say this, but I genuinely love coming back after the holiday and catching up with all the children, finding out what they've been up to in the last six weeks. I mentioned before the holiday, among various other activities in the summer, we were off to explore Tunisia. This was a truly wonderful experience and we felt very lucky to be able to discover such an interesting country and meet such friendly people (and the odd camel!). However, it now feels just as hot here as it did there!

Welcome – I wanted to really warmly welcome all our wonderful new Year R children. They are just brilliant. It has been the first time we've ever entirely had children from the preschool and it has made such a difference. Their confidence and enthusiasm is obvious. I also wanted to warmly welcome Miss Yeomans, who is now teaching Oak Class at the beginning of the week (and will be teaching in Sapling and Acorn on a Thursday) and Mrs Rowland who is working Mon-Thurs in Acorns, primarily with the Year R children. Like the new Year R children, it feels like they've always been here and I know they'll be a huge asset to the school. I did also want to spare a thought for our last year's Year 6 (now Year 7!) who have started at their high school's this week. It always feels so strange not seeing their faces around school. In a similar way, our lovely staff who moved onto new schools at the end of last term. We wish both pupils and adults the very best in their new settings and look forward to hearing about how they're getting on.

Autumn Term – This term already promises to be jam-packed with many exciting things planned for all the classes. Oak Class are off to Cadbury World to start their 'Chocolate' topic, Acorn are going down to the beach for their 'Seaside' topic and Sapling Class will be having visitors coming into school to help them learn about their Rainforest Topic. Preschool, as always, are very busy, but as it's child-led, we'll have to wait and see what they come up with!

RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) – You may have heard in the news there have been a number of schools effected at the start of this term due to RAAC. I wanted to reassure all our families that our school is fine and that the council wrote to us saying that they'd commissioned a service for investigations to be carried out to identify any Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) that might have been used in the roofs of our school buildings. Following their initial exercise of looking into the age of the building and the construction type, carried out by their consultant, our school building has been reported as not having any RAAC. No further investigations are required for our school.

Flexi-school – For any flexi-school families, please don't forget about our meeting after school on Monday (11th Sept).

So, as the start of our first week draws to a close, I know everyone will have a super term. Please enjoy this lovely weather this weekend. Before we know it, winter will be upon us and these glorious sunny days will be a distant memory!

Louise Crocker

Preschool News

Welcome new and old families to the Autumn term although with the warm sunshine it has felt like a summer term! There has been lots of happy faces exploring our garden and preschool room renewing friendships and delighting in playing alongside their peers.

We see our setting as an extension of home for your children and aim to build a close relationship with families; we are suggesting that your child brings a photo of their family and for them to choose where to display it in our room.

Please could all children have a set of waterproofs and wellies left in preschool on their peg as we are outdoors daily whatever the weather!

Michealchurch Escley primary and preschool is a nut, kiwi fruit and shellfish free setting.

Please feel free to chat to preschool staff if you have any concerns, we tend to more available at the end of a session.

Many thanks Julie, Beth and Sophie



General information

Clothing- As we start a new term, please can we remind you that all children must have a waterproof coat in school every day, unless the forecast is certain that it will be warm and dry. It is also essential that children have waterproof clothing and wellies for forest school on Friday.

PE- Can we just remind you on PE days all children should make sure they have suitable footwear (trainers) and clothing which is comfortable and loose. PE days are:

Acorn- Tuesday and Wednesday

Sapling- Wednesday and Thursday

Oak- Monday and Thursday

After school clubs- Starting Monday 11th September, please book on Parentpay.

Monday- Sports club run by Active ed education, a selection of sports and fun games. Available to all year groups £4 per child.

Tuesday- Dance club run by Starlight Dance company. Available to all year groups £4 per child.

Wednesday- Fencing club. The sessions will be run by a qualified fencing instructor and the children will be given all appropriate safety to wear during the sessions as well as excellent instruction from the coach, Daniel Robinson. The sessions should cost £6 each per child but the school intends to use Sports Premium money to partially fund this, reducing the per session cost to £4. This is extremely good value for an hours fencing coaching!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 11 th September 3pm	Flexi school parents meeting
Tues 12 th September	Sapling Class Rainforest Exotic school visit
Weds 13 th September	Oak class football with Clehonger Primary at Michaelchurch
Monday 18 th September	Acorn class trip to Barry Island returning to school at 4pm
Weds 20 th September	Oak class trip to Cadbury world
Thurs 28 th September	Kindness workshop whole school

Friday 13 th October 1pm	Concerts for Craswall Event
Tues 17 th October	OPEN Morning – Preschool and School.
Mon 30 th Oct-Fri 3 rd Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 6 th Nov	INSET- No children
Thurs 30 th Nov and Fri 1 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 18 th Dec	Walking nativity 5pm
Tues 19 th Dec	Walking nativity RESERVE 5pm
Thurs 21 st Dec	Pantomime at the Courtyard children to be collected at 4.20pm from Courtyard
Fri 22 nd Dec	Last day of term

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Events for Children & Families
Sunday 17th September

11.00am/Booth's Cinema
DISNEY'S "FANTASIA"

Walt Disney's timeless masterpiece is an extravaganza of sight and sound! See the music come to life, hear the pictures burst into song and experience the excitement that is Fantasia!

Tickets: Adults £12.00 Children 15 & under £9.00

3.00pm/Hay Castle
GUIDED WALK WITH MUSIC!
Discover the history and folklore of Hay-on-Wye!

A short easy all-age ramble with no stiles around the town with Sue Hodgetts, Sarah Price and guitarist Johnny Cartwright. (Please no dogs)

Tickets: Adults £10.00
Children 15 & under £5.00

Please see website for details of all events taking place over the weekend – including piano recital, chamber concerts, folk gig, walks, talks and art exhibition

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