



Dear Parents,

This week we have welcomed our new Reception pupils in to school: Nico, Louis, Gabriella, Arthur, Evalyn, Max, Christian, Elisha, Toby, Mac, and Beau. They have all received special stickers already from me for being so brave. They are settling in well.

A special mention to our new families: The Turner Family, The Beesley Family, The Kwan Family and The Armstrong Family. We hope you will share many happy years with us. Never worry about popping in to see us; it's important we all work together to ensure it is as happy as possible at school. If I haven't already collared you at the gate, please do let us know how you can help us on Viking Challenge day!

School Council

Our new council have elected their officers

Chair: Issy

Vice Chair: Cameron

Secretary: Hannah

Posties: Lauren, Anya and Carolina

Security: Callum, Dalton, Ned, Abigail and Oli



They have already updated The Home-School Agreement which will be sent out next week when we have the new photos added which the council wanted and they have also agreed their aims for the year which will be published on our website.

Endeavour Cup

Well done to Issy and Freddie!

Holiday Requests

I hope you have all received my letter regarding holiday requests. I'm sorry if this all sounds very formal, but it's essential you all have the same message about the new legislation.

Clubs

Unfortunately we have not had the chance to confirm arrangements for clubs next week so please bear with us. Sports Club will be on as previously informed.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has their own named water bottle in school every day. Thank you.

Learning and Teaching Overviews

We know that many of you like to be informed of what your child is learning in school, especially when the answer to the age-old question "So what have you been doing in school today?" meets with the age-old answer, "Not much...can't remember...don't know"!!!!!! Each teacher has provided you with broad themes for the

various subjects to give you an idea of what they really do actually do in school!

Our whole school theme for this term is centred around 'Feasts and Celebrations' and later in the term we will link it to the 'Take One Picture' project which is run by the National Art Gallery and has links with Nottingham Castle. Some of you may recall the last time we did this (when Miss Brown was here) linked to the Goosefair Picture which is up in our hall.

The picture we have chosen is called 'The Banquet' so fits in perfectly with our theme. Our Christmas show will also feature a few scenes linked to food and feasts and celebrations...more to be revealed later in the term 😊

School Hall

Since building the hall, I have been working with our solicitors to get an extended use permit so that we can hire it out for lettings to the local community and beyond. This has now been granted but the process of putting together all the lettings agreements is quite complicated and will take a bit of time.

I have agreed to have a trial run of a new letting with a parent-governor so that we can work on all the potential issues that we may encounter and will enable us to get the paperwork in order such as Risk Assessments, Hire Agreements and so on.

As soon as we are ready to go, which I hope will be some point this term, I will let you know then you can start to spread the word. If you have any thoughts or suggestions based on your experience of hiring a facility please drop me an email as this is all new to me!



OCTOBER 6th...don't forget!!!
COUNTDOWN: 29 days

So if you haven't already offered your help on the day, please get in touch with us by Monday...before I send you a special reminder!!

We held a committee meeting on Monday and things are going well, although we are short of about 15 marshalls, 10 helpers for refreshments and 5 for registration. We also need willing volunteers to help Michelle Fitzgibbons organise our Mini-Viking Challenge for the children, which will be on Thursday 3rd October at 1:15. Please do what you can to find people for us.

Sam and Amy's Classrooms Heroes

Gem106 are running a competition for children, parents, grandparents and friends where there are cash prizes for them and the school. All they have to do is tell Gem why their teacher (or Head teacher!!) is their hero. Details to be found at www.gem106.co.uk

It would be wonderful if some of our teachers got a special mention on the radio or even short-listed to win so please do have a look at this together. Continued

Reading Incentive is back!

Just to inform you the reading raffle will be back next Friday to encourage children to read at home. Our homework policy states that children should be reading at home every night, and when they do, an adult at home signs their reading record book. Therefore, when there are five reading comments and/or adult signatures in their book during the week, they should show their teacher who will then give them a special raffle ticket. Tickets will be drawn on a Friday and the winner will receive a book prize. They will therefore have a whole week to get 5 signatures ready for the next raffle; if they manage to read every day including the weekend and therefore have 7 signatures they will be awarded 2 raffle tickets which will increase their chances of a prize. We understand that older children may not always read their book to an adult every day, as they prefer to read independently; in these instances we will accept an adult's signature to 'verify' that the child has indeed been reading to themselves. Please do try to share their reading material with them at some point though, as discussing reading aids comprehension and enjoyment. NB 'Reading' doesn't have to be restricted to a child's reading 'book' i.e. they might read a magazine, instructions for a game, an annual or comic, a newspaper or the

TV Times!!

Happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

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