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We hope the children have now settled back into the second half of the Autumn Term.

General Information

Parent Questionnaire: Summer 2011.

Addressing points raised on the above questionnaire the school will be keeping parents informed of when and how children are chosen to represent the school in all main events.

Plays and performances

This half term the classes will be preparing for their Christmas performances. The main school plays involve the children as narrators, dancers or actors, depending on the child's preference and ability. All character roles are auditioned for, or parts are given to those children who have the confidence to perform and are able to learn their words. Every child takes part in the annual Christmas plays and careful consideration is always taken to ensure that children feel comfortable in their roles. Please understand that opportunities are extended to all children and choices given to take account of specific talents and the demands of performing successfully to a large audience.

Tickets for the concerts will be available from the school office from the following dates:-

Foundation 2 – Monday 28th November

Performance dates:

Classes F2G and F2M	Tuesday 6 th December 9.30am – 10.30 am
Classes F2F and F2LS	Tuesday 6 th December 1.30pm – 2.30 pm

Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday 5th December

Performance dates:

Cast 1 Year 1	Tuesday 13 th December 9.30am – 10.30 am
Cast 1 Year 2	Tuesday 13 th December 1.15pm – 2.30 pm
Cast 2 Year 2	Wednesday 14 th December 9.30am – 10.45 am
Cast 2 Year 1	Wednesday 14 th December 1.30pm – 2.30 pm

NB please note that the duration of the performances is approximate

Foundation 1 – Thursday 15th December

Tickets will not be necessary for the Foundation 1 (Nursery) concert which will take place on Thursday 15th December at the following times:-

Morning Nursery	11.00 am
Afternoon Nursery	3.00 pm

These events will be held in the main school hall and parents will be able to collect their children from the usual Nursery gate, once the children have been taken back to Nursery. Please note that this will be the **last day for the afternoon group** until school returns on **Wednesday 4th January 2012**.



Sport and competition

In response to the results of the Summer 2011, parent questionnaires we are keeping parents informed of every opportunity children have, throughout the year, to be involved in a wide variety of sporting activities. Whilst we believe in competitive sport and enter such events we are dedicated to ensuring that sport is accessed by all children. This week the Premier Sport Company is in school for Years 1 and 2. Every child in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) take part. Year 1 will have gymnastics whilst Year 2 will all enjoy football coaching. It is during these events that talent may be spotted, but every child has the chance to take part. We will be informing parents either in the two weekly Newsletter, or via a note in the Home School Diaries when trials and selection for teams are to be held. This is usually for the Year 2 children.

Remember these special events

Friday 18th November—Children in Need

This year's theme is 'Go Spotty' so children can come to school in mufti wearing anything spotty. This could be simply a scarf or hat or if you do not have any spotty clothes, then perhaps you could face paint some spots. Whatever you manage please can you send a £1.00 contribution in with your child or place your money in the buckets that will be on the playground at the start of the day. This is a very good cause and the school is very proud to be able to send a cheque to this charity each year. Thank you for your help.



Walk to School Competition

As we want to continue to encourage children to walk to school this Autumn, we will be launching a photographic competition. We are asking that children take photographs of something that interested them on their walk to school. It can be on any subject—the weather, nature, transport or simply something that made them laugh.

The winner will be awarded a certificate and prize at this half term's Celebrations Assembly on Friday 9th December and their winning entry posted on the school website. There will be three runners up.

All children must hand in their entry, clearly labelled with their full name and class, to the class teacher by 25th November 2011.

Happy Snapping and good luck.

Annual Toy Sale

We want to give you plenty of warning of our toy sale so that you can clear your cupboards for Christmas and send any toys into school for us to sell. We will be holding our annual toy sale on Wednesday 30th November from 2.00pm—4.00pm and Thursday 1st December from 8.15am—9.30am. This could be an ideal opportunity for you to 'spring clean' and clear out your children's toys, games, books, bicycles etc. ready for Christmas and earn some money. You will keep 75% of the price and the school will keep 25% of the price. All items will need to be clearly labelled with your name, your child's class and the amount. Please bring all items into school on Tuesday 29th November. If you need to transport them into school please use the school car park between 9.30am and 2.30pm. Any left over items need to be collected on Friday 2nd December between 8.00am and 8.30am or 9.30am and 10.30am; or they can be donated to be sold at the School Christmas Fayre for PTA funds.



Celebrations Assembly

This will take place **Friday 9th December** starting at 9.10 a.m. Please bring any trophies, medals and certificates to your class teacher and make sure that each item is labelled with your **child's name and class**. Frequently the same medals are awarded to children **so please** make sure these too are clearly labelled with a sticker, on the back. All awards must be brought into school by **3.00 p.m. on Wednesday 7th December**. If your child wishes to perform and their coach or tutor is willing to say anything about the activities in which your child is involved, then please let Mrs Wreglesworth know. If younger siblings attend Celebrations Assembly please appreciate that the event can be prolonged, depending on the number of awards to be given out, and we would ask that they remain as quiet as possible.

Partnership Governor Vacancy

There is one vacancy for a Partnership Governor on our Governing Body. This position cannot be held by a parent, a staff member eligible to be a Governor or an elected member of the Local Authority. Should you know of a suitable candidate within the community, please collect a nomination form from the school office or request a copy by ringing the office 01296-481353 and one can be sent to you. Nominations must be in by 3.00pm on Friday 25th November 2011.

Road Safety Day

On Friday 25th November we are having a day of activities and lessons on Road Safety. Each class will take part in activities such as Scooter skills, posters for a Road Safety competition and reflective materials investigations. As this is the same day as the Chocolate Mufti Day for the PTA we thought it would be a good idea to dress in bright clothes to link this to the Be Bright, Be Seen aspect of road safety. A letter with further details about the day will be sent out shortly.

General Reminders

Spare clothing

Please could parents wash and return clothes that their child has been changed into because of a mishap in school. We are especially short of trousers and pants. Please return these as soon as possible. If you have any pants your child has outgrown, they would be gratefully received in school.

Scooters

Scooters should be taken home and not left on the school playground. Thank you.

Foundation 2 Parents re:- School Health and BCG Questionnaires

You will recently have received the above named questionnaires. Please could you complete the forms as soon as possible and return them to the school office as the School Nurse will be coming in to school to collect them on 5th December. Thank you.



Important Notice

As the evenings are darker when children are leaving school please ensure you are picking your child up on time and the school is clearly informed, should any arrangements be changed. We would advise parents to have a sensitive discussion with their children about 'stranger danger'. A school assembly will be covering this also. Such issues are approached to raise awareness without causing anxiety.

Lost Property

Lost property will be on tables in the back playground next Monday 14th November, from 2.45pm and again on Tuesday 15th November from 8.30am. Please check if you know you have anything missing. The items of clothing not claimed will be recycled immediately after this.

Please ensure all clothing is named. The majority of this clothing need not be in lost property if only things were clearly named. Lost property will now be kept within the year group blocks. Things that are not named will be put in the nearest year group property box. Therefore please follow the school's advice to clearly label things with the child's name and their class or we cannot guarantee it will be found.

The next newsletter will be:- Monday 28th November

Free Careers and Learning Guidance for Adults

On Friday 25th November, James Alford from the Next Step Careers Service will be giving a short information session about the services that they can offer to adults. This free service can help you to prepare to return to work if you have not been working for a while, update your CV and assist with job hunting and interview skills. They can also help you to assess your skills and identify possible careers if you wish to change your job. In addition, information will be available about apprenticeships for young adults.

The presentation will give a brief overview of the range of services. You will then be able to book up to three free personal appointments to discuss your own situation.

The presentation will be in the school Training Room, on the back playground at 9.00am and will last for approximately thirty minutes with time for questions afterwards.

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May I ask you to complete the attached reply slip to indicate whether you would like to attend?

Please tick one option

I am interested in attending the presentation

Or

I cannot attend the presentation, but would like to book an appointment to meet an advisor

NAME:-

CONTACT NUMBER:-