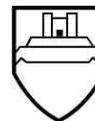




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Friday 21st October 2016

Dear All

Thank you for the feedback we received about Parents Evening. The vast majority of people seem to like holding the event sooner in the year and receiving the ‘end of year expectations’ sooner too! These are on the school web-site as are the Planets Booklets!

Thank you also for your initial feelings you had on the ‘Maths for Mum and Dads’ book sent home as a ‘gift’ for you a few weeks ago. It does seem to be largely very positive.

**Governors and PTA AGM (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016)**

These two AGMs were held on Monday, followed by a ‘Cheese and Wine’ evening. The report presented by our Chair of Governors is attached to this letter and can also be found on the school web-site.

At the PTA AGM Nicky Roberts, the Chair, stood down after several very successful years. I am sure you will join me in thanking Nicky for all her hard work and fabulous organisational skills. She has worked tirelessly for the school and always with a smile on her face. Well done and thank youuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu!

The new Chair is Sam Vigor. Tamara Antone remains as Treasurer and Sarah Alford is Secretary.

(The PTA committee would like to thank everyone who has joined the 100 Club, this year. I think it may even be 101 Club! Also, just to say £482.30 was raised at the Jumble Sale/ Bags to School event held earlier this month.)

This year the Governors hope to develop the area at the side of the school. This got rather overgrown during the building work last year. The plan is to turn the area beside the bike sheds into an outdoor classroom (a deck area with a roof but no walls) and to totally revamp the Wild Area by improving the pond and providing accessible board walks through-out. It is hoped to fund this project by gaining funds from an MOD fund, PTA funds and school budget. We have put in a bid to the MOD fund for just over £19,000. Thanks to Major Bagshaw for sponsoring our bid! We hope to hear how successful we’ve been in early 2017. Meanwhile we need to keep fund raising!

## Reminders and dates for your diary.....

- ✓ School reopens on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**
- ✓ Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is a Teacher Training Day. No children that day please!!!!
- ✓ There are no after school clubs during the week commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Clubs start week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November.

In general clubs do not run the first and last week of any term. We find the children get too tired and it also provides staff with the chance to meet after school! Early Birds and Night Owls **DO** run during these weeks.

Next term **GOACTIVE** are running a **MULTI-SKILLS CLUB** (general sports skills, running throwing, catching etc.) open to Y1 and Y2. The closing date for the return of forms and money is now Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The cost for this club is £18, please make cheques payable to Go Active. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Forms have gone out to any pupil interested in those year groups!

The club will start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and finish on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

The club will only run if there are enough numbers to run it. Cash and cheques will be returned to you if the club does not go ahead.

### **Trussell Trust: Christmas Shoe-box Appeal.**

Please bring completed boxes to outside my office by November 18<sup>th</sup>. **Please read the instructions on the leaflet carefully. Many thanks.**

### **Scooter Skills Sessions**

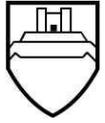
The long awaited **Scooter Skills Sessions** take place in school time on: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. PLEASE ENSURE ALL SCOOTERS ARE NAMED. Please park them on the Not so Small Playground.

Kindest regards

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