

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Here is a list of events for your diary. You will receive further information on them nearer the time.

October

- Tuesday 13th Virtual Learning Environment Workshop for Year 2 Parents—2.40 p.m. in the hall
- Wednesday 14th Harvest assembly- 9.00 a.m.- All welcome
Maths Workshop for Year 1 & 2 Parents—2.40 p.m. in the hall
- Wednesday 21st Parents' consultations. Appointments during the afternoon and the evening. **Children leave school at 1.30 p.m.**
- Friday 24th Start of half term
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th **Half term**

November

Wednesday 4th School Photographer

December

- Saturday 5th Christmas Fayre
- Monday 7th Nativity for Grandparents- 1.45 p.m.
- Tuesday 8th Nativity Play- 9.30 a.m. Surnames A—J
- Wednesday 9th Nativity Play- 9.30 a.m. Surnames K—Z
- Tuesday 15th The Pied Piper Theatre company in at 1.45 p.m.
- Tuesday 15th Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 16th Class parties
- Friday 18th End of Term- 2.00 p.m.

Warmest Wishes,



Mr. S. P. Hobbs
Head teacher



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Friday 9th October 2009

Dear Parents & Carers,

Half term is nearly upon us. How quickly this term seems to be going, but we have a busy few weeks ahead of us, with the Harvest festival and Parent's consultation meetings. Thank you to all of those parent's who have kindly given us their email addresses, if you haven't as of yet, it's not too late.

Barnardo's

Hopefully you would have already seen the 'grow the longest bean' competition organised by Barnardo's. Please do support the children in growing the beans and collecting donations as there is a prize for the tallest, smallest, most interesting and invisible bean. Any donations that you feel you or your family are able to make, please put them in the accompanying envelope and return to school by the 22nd Oct, along with the grown bean (don't worry if it isn't very big) ready for judging. Thank you in anticipation.

Guildford Book festival

Guildford Borough have organised a book festival running from Tuesday 6—Thursday 24th October. There are many local events for all the family, of particular note is an illustrator exhibition featuring the work of twelve illustrators the children may know of. For more information visit www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk

Consultation Afternoon reminder.

A quick reminder that our Autumn term Parents consultation afternoon will be on Wednesday 22nd October, starting at 2.00 p.m. Appointments can be made to discuss how your child has settled into their new class by signing your teacher's appointment sheet. These sheets will be in the library from Tuesday 13th October. The Nursery sheets will be available to sign in the Nursery. Please remember that appointments cannot be made over the telephone. N.B. Morning Nursery will finish at 10.30am. Main School and afternoon Nursery will close at 1.30pm.

Individual School Photographs- Wednesday 4th November

The school photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday 4th November at 8.30 a.m. in the school hall.

Families and babies are welcome to come and be photographed at 8.30 a.m. Please take a ticket and stand in the queue outside of the hall in the corridor next to Otter class. After families are finished the photographer will take siblings followed by individuals. You will then be sent in due course proofs of the photos to help you decide if you would like to purchase them.

Attendance

We have now been set our attendance target for this academic year by the Local Authority. This year it is 4.5%. 0.4 lower than last years actual figures. Please can we ask for your support in helping us achieve this very challenging target. You can help us by ensuring that we are notified about all absences and noting that holidays in term time **will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances**. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Harvest

As mentioned in the last newsletter our harvest festival assembly is on Wednesday 14th October at 9.00 a.m. **As with previous years, donation of food will be greatly received and will help make up our traditional Harvest baskets that are distributed to the elderly in Send.** Could all donations please be taken to the school cooking area no later than the morning of Wednesday 14th October. All parents are welcome to the assembly, **If you can help, we would also like to ask for volunteers who could either help make up the baskets or who could deliver a basket to an elderly person on our list. Please inform Mrs. Manktelow or Mrs. Meekins in the school office if you can. This would be most appreciated.**

Parking Reminder

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking by some of our parents. The local police have informed me that they too have received complaints and will be patrolling outside of the school. Please remember our neighbours and not park in front of their driveways and the request from the medical centre not to park in their car park unless visiting the centre or the pharmacy. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Half Term Fun for all the family! (October)

Stuck for things for the children to do this half term? ...Well help is here!

Guildford Borough Council has put together lots of helpful information to help keep everyone entertained this half term; playschemes, sports academies, arts & crafts, drama clubs, family days out and much more!

Just visit our website:

[www.guildford.gov.uk/
holidayactivities](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

PTA AGM

Following the PTA's AGM on Tuesday 6th October we have a new committee. We would like to offer our welcome and thanks to the following parents who have agreed to take on the roles required to have a successful PTA. Firstly to Nadine Gibson and Lucy Shea who have agreed to become Co-Chairperson, next to Sarah Prentice who has agreed to become Vice Chairperson, then to Amanda Cook who has agreed to continue in her role as treasurer and finally to Mandi Willett who has agreed to continue the role of Secretary. A very big Thanks to those parents. A huge thank you also to the outgoing committee members who have done so much for the PTA over the last couple of years- Many thanks to Claire Bell and Sara Thorne.