

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

This morning Tiger Class prepared and performed their assembly. It was wonderful to see so many families there and your children performed beautifully. We are delighted that things are now getting back to normal and we look forward to the events we have planned this term. On Tuesday we took our Reception children to the farm, this is our first school trip for over two years and it was wonderful. The children loved it and staff were so proud of their engagement and their behaviour.



On Thursday a group of year 2 children were chosen to represent our school at a writing workshop at Corpus Christi Primary school. They behaved perfectly and we now have lots of ideas to improve our writing curriculum even further. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our work here at school and believe that this is only possible if we work with you as partners in this. Your children are only at school for a few hours each day so we really need this partnership to work. We regularly hold information meetings to support this, however, recently we have been surprised with the turn out. Staff spend time preparing for the workshops and they are slightly disappointed that more parents are not able to come. We are trying to understand what the issues are. We know that many of you have to rush off to work or other appointments therefore we will send out a survey next week to try to find out your preferred method of communicating things. On **Friday 20th May at 2.00pm** we would like to invite you in for a coffee and cake and a chat and then the opportunity to go into your child's class and visit. You will be able to see the classroom, talk to staff and see your child in class. We will send out a reminder nearer the time but do hope to see many of you.

Governing Body

I am sure that many of you are aware that we have a very proactive, supportive Governing body. They support the leadership of the school and play a vital role in our strategic direction. They are all volunteers and give an enormous amount of time to the school. Dr Jo Taussig is the Chair of the Governing body and she would like to meet you and offer the opportunity for you to ask any questions about how the school is lead and managed, or anything else you would like to discuss. She will be available on **Wednesday 18th May at 9.00am** in the school hall. We are always interested in any parents who would like to join our governing body, please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Swimming

Swimming will start on Monday 9th May. It was great to see some of you at the meeting on Monday. We have re-attached the swimming letter for your information. We still need you to volunteer for slots, please check with your class rep or check the rotas outside your child's classroom. It is a wonderful experience for your children and we honestly couldn't do it without your help. We do expect all children to swim - if they are unwell they should be absent from school. If your child has an eye or ear infection please contact the School Office. If your child forgets their kit please don't worry, we will provide them with a spare. Please take a look at the letter and get in touch if you have any further queries.

DBS checks

We are now working hard to process DBS checks for parents who want to help. You **must** have a DBS check in place to help with swimming - please do not offer to help if you don't have a DBS certificate issued by the school. The checks are very thorough and will identify if you have spent any time overseas during your life. If this is the case we will need to ask you about your overseas address history, please share this information with us so that we can complete your check as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Sickness bug

We currently have a few children absent with sickness and upset tummies. If your child is sick or has diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours since their last bout, do not send them in to school as we need to control and eliminate the spread of infection quickly.

Mr Clutterbuck - Junior School

In July Mr Clutterbuck, the Junior school head teacher, is retiring. Mrs Lucy Mastrocola has been successfully recruited to start in September. She is keen to meet your children, particularly those in Year 2, and will come in to take an assembly with them on Thursday 5th May.

Eid celebrations

This weekend many of our families celebrate Eid and we hope that you have a wonderful time. Please email us to let us know if your child will be absent on Tuesday. On Wednesday we will have an assembly and if your child would like to wear their own clothes they can. Some of our parents will be handing out food after school on Wednesday afternoon in the Year 1 playground. We have attached some information about a local event celebrating Eid and also a craft activity making paper decorations for all to try.

Pyjamarama

You will have received details in your child's blue bag today about "Pyjamarama", an event organised by the Book Trust, the UK's largest book charity, to raise funds for books for children. We invite the children to wear their pyjamas to school (or a colourful t-shirt if they'd prefer) in return for a £1 donation. This will be held on **Friday 13 May**.

School is closed on Monday 2nd May for the Bank Holiday.

We hope that everyone enjoys the weekend and that the sun is shining,

Warm regards

Janet Berry