



## October Newsletter

The information below is an overview of what's happening this term and some useful day to day information.

### School meals

From September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, the cost of a school meal is £2 per day, this is an increase of 5p. Mrs Mills has informed all parents whose children currently have a school meal of the changes. Please ensure money for school meals is paid on Monday and preferably in an envelope with the child's name on.

Mrs Mills will inform you on a weekly basis if you owe dinner money, a letter is sent home with your child/ren, please check their bags.

### Dates for events in the next few weeks

Date	Event
22.10.15	Halloween disco 5pm til 6pm. Tickets £2, cost includes a drink and snack. Tickets on sale from 16 <sup>th</sup> October.
23.10.15	School closes for half term.
27.10.15 and 28.10.15	Holiday club. 10am til 2pm. Please check with Mrs Mills if spaces are still available.
2.11.15	Return to school
6.11.15	Assembly for parents and children about the school bank/achievement assembly.
13.11.15	Children in Need. Children can wear non uniform and donate £1 to children in need.
20.11.15	Assembly presented by the children about keeping safe online. This coincides with anti bullying week.
7.12.15	Whole school Christmas production ( Y1-Y6). 6pm performance
8.12.15	Whole school Christmas production ( Y1-Y6). 2pm performance
9.12.15	Foundation christmas production. 9.30am Christmas dinner.
10.12.15	Trip to the pantomime for Reception to Y6 children. Children will be late home.
11.12.15	Achievement assembly and christmas raffle drawn.
Week beginning 14.12.15	Christmas parties.
18.12.15	Break up from school for Christmas
6.1.15	Children return to school.

### Trip to the pantomime

- The children are going to the pantomime on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The pantomime needs to be paid for by 23<sup>rd</sup> October. If we do not have enough parental contributions then the trip will be cancelled. The school is subsidising the trip. If you haven't had a letter, see Mrs Mills.

### Christmas dinner and national schools meals week.

- If your child usually has sandwiches they will have bought home a letter regarding the above two events. The deadline to return this letter has expired. If you have not returned the letter, your child will have their usual packed lunch.

Please read the back of this newsletter.

### The school site

- The school boundary includes all of the car park, the requests below include the car park.
- The school site is a non smoking site, this includes the use of e- cigarettes.
- No dogs should be brought onto the school site.
- Children should not be on the school playground before 8.45am. If your child walks to school on their own please ensure they do not arrive before 8.45am.
- Complaints have been received regarding the car park and parking on School Lane. Please do not use the car park unless you have a blue badge. People with a blue badge should park in the marked bays. If you park on school lane please park responsibly, do not block the school gates and remember children have to cross School Lane to get to school. Alternative parking is available behind the Arkwright Centre.
- If you wish to complain about parking our community police officer is PC Charlotte Platts 12717. She can be contacted via Chestfield police station.

### Talking to staff

- Staff are available at the start and end of the school day. If you have a concern/question regarding your child please speak to your child's teacher first.
- If you wish to discuss something that is a wider school issue or you are unhappy with how a member of staff has dealt with something, please see me ( Miss Seward).
- Staff and I are here to help. If you are unhappy with the school, tell us, it is not appropriate to be unpleasant about staff and the school on social media, the school can seek advice regarding this and take action if necessary.
- Please tell us about the good stuff too !

### Arkwright Champion

- Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Arkwright Champions card your child has been issued with. The school is constantly looking at ways to improve behaviour, to develop children's sense of independence and responsibility and for them to understand they have to work hard to learn.
- Each time your child is spotted by any adult in school, displaying one of the qualities of an Arkwright Champion their card will be signed. When their card is full they will receive a certificate and prize in assembly.
- **Your child will bring their card home, if you see them behaving like an Arkwright Champion you can sign the card too. Adults in the family can sign up to 30 squares. Please be honest, it's not a race to finish the card, the idea is to develop skills and attitudes that help with learning and day to day life.**
- **Do not fill in the paper chart attached, your child will bring a card home before half term, make sure they have it in school each day.**
- **If a child loses their card, they start again.**

### Thanks

- Thank you for your continued support.
- For the effort you put in to support the school with fundraising,
- For the effort you put in to hear your child/children read and the effort you put in to ensure your child/ren completes their homework.
- For the effort you make regarding their attendance and punctuality.

**Have a great half term !**