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Newsletter

As we prepare for our concerts next week, in the final week of the first half-term, I can't believe how the time has flown. Please join us if you can – the children have been practising and sound wonderful, as they always do.

The PTV screen in the playground is temporarily out of order but we are hoping to have it working again as soon as the technicians can sort it out.

You'll see from our diary that we continue to enrich the school curriculum with visits and visitors and know that the children enjoy these additional activities. In a recent "benchmarking" exercise carried out by Total Finance (the school's budget advisers), we spend a lot more on these extras than the majority of other schools and heavily subsidise them so that the cost to parents and carers is reduced. We will continue to do this for as long as we are able.

Information about Autumn 2 (the half-term leading up to Christmas)

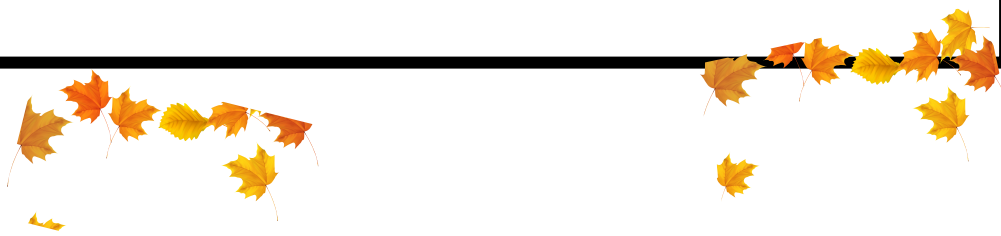
When we return on 31st October, the clocks will have gone back, evenings will be darker earlier and the weather will probably feel quite a bit cooler. Half term is a good time to get your children kitted out with winter coats, boots or wellies. It is our policy to remain open on snow days unless the weather is extreme and police are advising people not to go out unless absolutely necessary.

We are pleased to share our school progress performance for last year (2015-16) based on assessment results. All children are assessed each half term in Reading, Writing and Maths and we measure their progress across the year. Last year, every class made excellent progress in each of these areas. I'd like to thank the staff for their hard work but also recognise the support you give to your children at home and in supporting the school through good attendance and encouraging your children to take part in booster clubs before and after school. Reception children had an excellent "Good Level of Development" in July (67%), much higher than the previous year and in line with the national picture, even though our starting point was much lower.

Year 1 children achieved 79% in their phonics tests – a great result and again, in line with the national picture.

Year 2 children worked extremely hard and their results were 85% at target in Reading and Maths and 78% in Writing. All of these were above the national results.

In Year 6, we attained 32% in Reading, 65% in Writing, 52% in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and 40% in Maths.



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We please remind parents and others who drop off and collect children that **scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on the playground**, where at the start and end of the day we have pushchairs, toddlers, disabled and elderly grandparents and large numbers of people. This is for everyone's safety. Children with bike or scooters should just walk the through the playground and remount once outside the school grounds as appropriate (i.e. not on paths and busy pavements). Thank –you.

Our “All the World’s a Stage” concerts take place next week – tickets are still available at the end of Friday and Monday from the school hall (but will not be available after that as staff will be focussed on getting ready for the performances). Make sure you collect yours!
There will be some audience participation so bring your voices – and don’t be shy!

Attendance is up to just over 96% as of the end of September - our highest ever. Thank you very much for ensuring your children are regularly attending school - it makes such a difference to their learning.

Reminder: Please hand in your email addresses at the office – we will be sending information directly to your email if possible – that way you should never miss a letter or school communication.
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