



School Newsletter

Monday 11 September 2017

Dear Parents,

Extended Schools

The Extended School's timetable will be going out this week for Week beginning Monday 25th September'17. Unfortunately, due to a 14.5% departmental budget cut on Extended School's funding from last year (on top of the cuts already received over the last 3 years) we have no option but to reduce the number of weeks per term that our clubs can run. We appreciate the contributions made by parents which do help to alleviate some of the costs in running the clubs and we endeavour to offer as many places as we possibly can. We do get the very odd question from parents as to why clubs cannot continue for the full year but as we have mentioned and highlighted for a number of years now; we do not receive anywhere near enough funding for this to happen and work very creatively to be able to offer as wide a range of clubs as we can. We thank you for your understanding and support and look forward to seeing your children at our clubs over the year.

Breakfast Club/ Fun Club

We are very pleased with the numbers attending our Breakfast Club in the mornings but we do have room for some more. This is a wonderful way for the pupils to begin the day with a very healthy breakfast and a chance to socialize with friends. The same also applies for the fun club. We have extended the school day until 5 o'clock each day. This is incredible value for the working parents and costs a lot less than an after school service or childminder. We are encouraging as many of our parents as possible to take up these opportunities. Please contact the office to register your child for either the breakfast club or the fun club after school.

Violin/Cello Tuition

We are very proud of all our pupils who undertook their grade examinations in June. All our pupils passed with flying colours. At this time of the year we are looking at recruiting some more budding instrumentalists from the P4 pupils. We employ very experienced tutors and if you are interested in your child beginning violin or cello lessons we will supply them with an instrument. Please inform the class teacher if you would like your child's name to be put forward for tuition.

Healthy Eating

In order to keep on top of our healthy eating policy, we have taken the decision to extend the purchase of fruit to all the classes right up to P7. The fruit option for a healthy break runs at £2 per week. We collect it monthly so for £8 per month each child can receive a healthy break and the fruit is delivered fresh to the school each week. A note will be sent to each of the pupils from P4-P7 this week and the first allocation of fruit will begin next Monday. As we are in the middle of the month for the rest of this month we are asking the P4-P7 pupils to only send £4 to cover the remainder of September. From the first Monday in October it will be £8 for the month. Please indicate on your form if you wish your child to receive this healthy break option and the money can be given in an envelope with your child's name and class next Monday directly to the teacher. Also a reminder we encourage all our pupils to maintain a healthy diet and ask that they only bring a small treat on a Monday and Wednesday. Thank you for your continuing support in this.

P1 – School photographer

The school's photographer will be in on Monday 18th September to take the P1 individual and group photo's.

29th September

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 29th September to accommodate essential staff training.

Lost property

A parent dropped a black Ulta fit bit at the main gates on Friday around 3pm and has asked if anyone has found it to please hand it into the office.

Website

Please log onto our website at www.ourladyqueenofpeace.net for details of holidays, canteen menus and other interesting news items and photographs.

After School Judo

Classes will begin on Friday 15th September. The 10 week course costs £50. Any-one interested please contact Emma on 07917730551.