

Dear Parents

Friday, 16th September 2016

October Census

As you are aware we are beginning a new year and as such we would like to ensure all the information we hold on our system is correct. To that end we will be issuing the Data Collection Sheet to all children. Please check this and complete any areas that are not completed. There is a new area on the Data Collection Sheet regarding your child's Nationality and Country of Birth. This information is being requested by the Department of Education and will need to be returned during our Autumn Census circle in October.

SIMS Agora

SIMS Agora is the new system the school will be using to collect and process payments. With the new system, parents will be able to pay for school dinners, uniform and any class trips online. The office will send out information regarding how to access this system in the near future. It is hoped the new system will be up and running after the October half term.

School Uniform

A huge thank you to all parents who have made a great effort to send children in with correct uniform. The children look so smart, they are a credit to you. Please can you ensure that all uniform is named. We have had a number of losses of cardigans, PE kit, etc, and without names, we are not able to locate lost items. Many thanks.

Homework

Please may I remind you that homework must be completed in the given time. Homework is designed to help all children make progress, and children who do not complete it will fall quickly behind. Children who do not complete homework are required to stay in at break times to ensure that it is completed.

Please find attached homework timetables for pupils in KS1 and 2. We have had some problems with the printing of the homework diaries at KS2, but they will be in school next week. Please ensure that your child brings their homework diary in every day. A reminder that all pupils were given book bags last year for homework and reading books. If you have lost yours, more are available from the school office for £4.00 Thank you for your support.

Asthma Plans

We have a large number of pupils on medication for asthma. We have recently sent out paperwork to update the plans, but as yet only three parents have returned it. Teachers are not allowed to administer inhalers without the written permission of parents, and this therefore means that if your child has asthma, we will not be able to treat them. If this applies to you, please return the form as soon as possible.

Macmillan coffee morning

We will be holding our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Friday, 30th September in the school hall at 9.00 am. All welcome. We would particularly love to see our new parents from Reception, Nursery and Little Acorns, our newly opened provision for 2 year olds. On the same day, we will also be having a cake sale for all the children. Therefore, in true Catholic style, we will be asking you to bake and then to send in money to buy your cakes back! All proceeds will go to Macmillan to help them with the vital work they do with those suffering from cancer. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Best wishes

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