

7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

It is lovely to see all our children and parents returned after what we hope was a very enjoyable and relaxing summer for you. We wish a very special welcome to our new children and their families and hope they have a long and happy relationship within the Charter community.

Staff Updates

We welcome Miss Dodson who has joined us this week as Class Teacher in Snowflakes Class. We wish Mrs Noel-Smith happiness as she leaves us today to start her maternity leave. Miss Humphries has stayed in the Resource Base, teaching in York class, while Mrs Heath and Miss Costello are teaching in Lancaster. Mrs MacInnes is teaching in support of Mrs Weston and the children in Rainbow class, as well as working in Ping's Den.

Rights Respecting School – Silver Award!

Following our achievement of the Silver Rights Respecting School award, we have received and installed our banner on the main school gates, promoting our achievement in embedding children's rights into all aspects of school life. Work towards gaining the Gold Award is already underway. The Rights Respecting Ambassadors will be in contact with you this term, to share all of their news.

We have included in the list of dates with this newsletter, an appendix of additional dates, all of which are significant international dates, which will be incorporated into our curriculum during the year. This will be integral to our Rights Respecting ethos, but also support the children's learning in British Values.



Events

You will see from the long list of dates over the page that there are many activities and events planned for term 1. Up and coming are an "On your marks" very exciting cooking competition, based on Ready, Steady Cook and a School Sports' Morning. Please make a note of the dates for family events including our very popular Grandparents Lunch and a 'Learning with your Charter Child' morning. Our selected charity for this school year is WellBoring, but we have also planned coffee and cake fund raising for the Macmillan charity and we have a CSFA film night planned.

School Tuck

From Monday 10th September 2018 our provision of school tuck, for the children to purchase during break time, will change. On our behalf, Chartwells will be offering hot toast only. Children will be required to pay for this on a Monday at a cost of 50p and they will then be given a piece of toast each day. This will be the only food snack available to purchase although fruit juice and milk shake will continue to be available for 35p. Tuck will now be available to both KS1 and KS2 children. It will be served in the school hall with the children then heading straight out to the playground with their purchases.

Please note that school lunches have also increased in price to £2.20 daily from the start of term.

If you believe your child/children could be eligible for free school meals please ask at the school office for an application form. Eligibility for free school meals does attract funding that can contribute to the costs of other activities, to the benefit of individuals and the whole school community. Please register for free school meals even if your child is currently entitled to Universal free school meals, as it will benefit their long term funding.

Ping's challenge

From Friday 14th September, I will be setting Ping's Challenge homework for each weekend. This will be fun learning activities for the children to undertake with their family. I will be putting this on the school blog every Friday. More information will follow shortly.

Outdoor learning

During break time and lunch time we will be giving the children as much access to the school field as possible. To assist in this please provide your children with suitable shoes or wellington boots that can be worn on the field, especially in bad weather, so keeping their school shoes suitable for indoor wear.

School App

Please use the instructions attached to register for our school app, if you have not already done so.

Car Parking and Safety on school site

We have recently been approached by Green Square Housing, on behalf of residents local to the school, to request that when dropping and collecting pupils, parent vehicles are not left blocking their drives. This is with particular reference to Danielle Drive and Wood Lane. You may also have noticed that our main vehicle gate is no longer automated. Please do not use this as an opportunity to enter the car park, as this will dramatically increase the risk to all pedestrians. We are working on plans to improve access to the school site and will give more information on this as soon as possible.

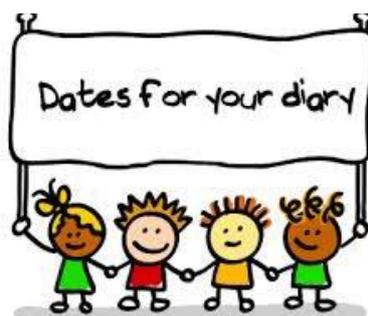
Ofsted Parent View survey

We would be very grateful if parents would enter their views on our school on the Ofsted Parent View survey. The easiest way to access this is through our website or our school app, and a direct link can be found under Information, Ofsted. Alternatively you can access it through the Ofsted website <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Your responses are received directly by Ofsted and very are important in preparation for our next Ofsted inspection.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Flack, Headteacher

Please see the next page for important school dates for your diary



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

Term 1

- Tuesday 11th September – Y6 swimming lessons begin
- Wednesday 12th September – Parent workshop 8.50-9.20 am
- Tuesday 18th September – 'On Your Marks' Cookery competition
- Thursday 20th September – Sports Morning 9.00 am -12 pm, families invited
- Friday 28th September – 9-9.30 Macmillan coffee & cake
- Friday 28th September – Grandparents Lunch
- Friday 28th September – 2.30 – 3.00 Macmillan coffee and cake
- Monday 1st October – Sublime Science workshop
- Wednesday 10th October – Bag2School (CSFA)
- Wednesday 17th October- Y3 Harvest Festival Assembly
- Thursday 18th October – Film Night (CSFA)
- Wednesday 24th October – 'Learning with your Charter Child' morning
- Wednesday 24th October – Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

- Monday 5th November – First day of Term 2
- Tuesday 6th November – Whole school Outdoor Classroom day
- Wednesday 7th November – Parent Workshop 8.50-9.20am
- Tuesday 13th November – Parent Consultation meetings
- Wednesday 14th November- Parent consultation meetings
- Friday 30th November – Christmas Bingo (CSFA)
- Wednesday 12 December – Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas Production
- Monday 17th December – Carol Service at St Andrew's Church
- Thursday 20th December – Class Christmas Parties
- Thursday 20th December – Last day of Term 2
- Friday 21st December – TD Day, school closed

Term 3

- Monday 7th January 2019 – Td Day, school closed
- Tuesday 8th January – First day of Term 3
- Wednesday 9th January – 'Learning with your Charter Child' Morning

Remaining TD Dates for 2018/19

- Friday 21st December 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Friday 5th April 2019
- Monday 3rd June 2019

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Re: 'OurSchoolsApp'

The school is pleased to announce a brand new way of communicating with parents. Our very own school '**APP**'

'**OurSchoolsApp**' is a personalised app for our school and will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information. It is like a mini website on the go giving you access to what's going on at the school, at the touch of a button.

You can download the '**APP**' from the Google Play Android marketplace or the Apple Store depending on which mobile phone or device you use. Phones that are Nokia or Windows based can easily be downloaded via a mobile site (details below). You can also access the '**APP**' via smart pads and iPads by following the same download process from the relevant 'app' stores.

When we update the '**APP**' with new information or news about the school, a push button notification will automatically be sent to your own device to inform you of this update. You can then view the notification which will then take you directly to our '**APP**'. Any calendar events marked and sent as a push button notification will also be sent as reminders nearer the date, so you don't miss an event or date at the school.

Instructions for download Apple and Android:

1. Using the relevant device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for '**OurSchoolsApp**'
3. Download the '**APP**'.
4. In the search bar in the '**APP**' put the postcode of the school which is: **SN15 3EA**
5. Hit the search button.
6. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
7. Confirm your choice by pressing OK.
8. You will now be presented with the '**APP**' for the school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.



Instructions for download Windows based phones:

1. For Windows based (Nokia) phones,
2. Open your mobile internet browser.
3. Put this address in to your browser **www.ourschoolsapp.com/m**
4. In the search bar in the '**APP**' put the postcode of the school which is: **SN15 3EA** or by school name.
5. Hit the search button.
6. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
7. Confirm your choice by pressing OK.
8. The school home screen will appear.

We hope you enjoy using the '**APP**' which aims to keep you updated with events and activities at the school.

Regards.

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