

The first and last...

This will be the first and last copy of the school newsletter that will be circulated to all families in paper form this year. We are aiming for all class and school newsletters to be sent out electronically, unless a family doesn't have email access.

Please check whether you've also received this newsletter electronically – For our electronic system to be effective, we need to be sure that you're receiving our emails. We have sent this newsletter electronically to everyone as well, as a bit of a test. Our emails will always be sent from recreationroadinfants@pupilasset.co.uk, so please make sure this is added to your contacts.

Sometimes, emails from new senders end up in the junk email folder, so please check this if you're not having any luck. If you still can't find our email, please let the office know, so we can check that your email address is current and has been entered correctly on our information system.



The Grand Duck Race

Thanks to those of you who were able to support our twelve giant rubber ducks as they took part in the Break Charity Grand Duck Race during the late August bank holiday weekend. We got second place overall, with 'Fox Duck' which was designed and created by last year's Blackbirds, but the big winner was Break who raised lots of money for their excellent work. All of our ducks are now proudly on display in our new main reception foyer.



Pupils' Medical Appointments

Please remember that the office staff need to see proof of a medical appointment in order for a child's absence to be authorised. This may be in the form of a letter, appointment card, text reminder or email – we don't mind which.



Lost property

We have a new lost property trolley, which will be wheeled outside the Main Reception mornings and afternoons (weather permitting). Please have a look regularly so we can reunite your child speedily with any lost possessions.



Lunch box reminder

Please remember that we are a nut and kiwi fruit free school. We have children who have severe food allergies and we want to do everything possible to keep them safe.



Paperwork

At the beginning of the year, we need to check that the information we hold for you is correct and, in the case of our Reception pupils, gain sight of the children's birth certificates. Please can you ensure that all relevant forms are returned to the office as soon as possible and that birth certificates have been photocopied by office staff. If you're completing a blue leave of absence form, a copy of any medical letters etc. makes the process a little speedier.



New school website

Our new website has been launched. It's a much simpler platform which will hopefully be easier to navigate. The front page has an improved calendar function, and Google users can subscribe to our school calendar by clicking on the '+' button at the bottom.

If you have any feedback or suggestions to make about possible web content, please let us know.



Key diary dates on a page

Accompanying this newsletter, you will find the key diary dates for this school year. In response to your feedback, we've tried to provide plenty of notice for the big school events and indicate likely start and end times. We hope this helps! 😊

Key School Dates On a Page - 2019/20

2-20 Sep	Reception pupils' induction programme
8 Oct	'Flu vaccinations for pupils (consent letters sent out nearer the time)
18 Oct	Pupils' last day of half term
28 Oct	Pupils back to school
4 Nov	Individual pupil photos
6 Nov	6:30 – 7:30 Prospective Parents' Evening – 2020/21 Reception Cohort
7 Nov	6:30 – 7:30 Prospective Parents' Evening - 2020/21 Reception Cohort
11–15 Nov	Unique Week - our celebration of uniqueness and diversity
11 Nov	Show and Share Week – Whole School (Individual class dates to follow)
18-22 Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings - Whole School (Individual class dates to follow)
2-6 Dec	Festive Decorations Workshops (Individual class dates to follow)
10 Dec	9:30 Year R Show: Blackbirds / Jays parents 2:00 Year R Show: Doves / Swallows parents
11 Dec	9:30 Year 1 Show: Robins / Owls parents 2:00 Year 1 Show: Chaffinch / Crows parents
12 Dec	9:30 Year 2 Show: Swans / Swifts parents 2:00 Year 2 Show: Wrens / Magpies parents
17 Dec	School Festive Lunch (to be confirmed)
18 Dec	Pupils' last day of term
6 Jan	Pupils back to school
3-7 Feb	Charities and Enterprise Week
14 Feb	Pupils' last day of half term
24 Feb	Pupils back to school
2-6 Mar	Reading for Pleasure Week Reading Cafés Show and Share Week - Reception (individual class dates to follow)
5 Mar	World Book Day
9-13 Mar	Reception Parent-Teacher Meetings (Individual class dates to follow)
16 Mar	Whole class photographs
16-20 Mar	Show and Share Week – Years 1 and 2 (individual class dates to follow)
23-27 Mar	Year 1 and 2 school reports sent out
1 Apr	Pupils' last day of term
20 Apr	Pupils back to school
8 May	May Day Bank Holiday (Friday, not Monday!)
22 May	Pupils' last day of term
1 Jun	Pupils back to school
15-19 Jun	Refugee Week
29-3 Jul	Show and Share Week – Years 1 and 2 (individual class dates to follow)
1 Jul	Sports Day (school field - weather permitting): 9:15-10:45 Years 1 and 2 11:00-12:15 Reception (including family picnic afterwards)
6-10 Jul	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Years 1 and 2)
13-17 Jul	Show and Share Week – Reception Classes (Individual class dates to follow) Reception school reports sent out
14 Jul	9:30-10:15 Year 2 Leavers' Show – Swans' and Swifts' parents
15 Jul	9:30-10:15 Year 2 Leavers' Show – Wrens' and Magpies' parents
21 Jul	Last day of school year
7 Sep	Pupils back to school