



May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006

Dear Parents,

This term already gathers pace, and both children and staff have quickly settled into the routines of a new term. As always there are various school events over the next few weeks, details enclosed within his letter.

### Value

Our value for May is perseverance. Children will explore what this feels like, and reflect on their experiences through lessons in PSHE, drama and assemblies.

### Sun Protection

Despite the weather being cooler than we would like, I felt it was sensible to remind everyone of the simple measures to protect the children from the sun during the school day. We strongly advise all children to wear a hat/cap and to have a bottle (filled with water only). Children may also wear sun protection, this needs to be applied at home before coming to school.

### Head Lice

Could we ask all parents to be extra vigilant in dealing with this on going problem. It is necessary to check the children's hair regularly each week in order to combat this issue.

### Parentline Plus

**Parentline Plus** provides a wide range of colourful easy-to-read leaflets which offer useful information as well as tips and hints on a range of topics. These include information for parents of teenagers, tips for parents and children dealing with separation and divorce, and easy-to-read booklets to help children's learning and homework. A full list of leaflets is available on the website.

**Website:** [www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk) – this practical and informative website provides useful information to download and takes parents through many of the issues that families face. The website provides information on many parenting difficulties, is interactive, and has a special area for dads and step-dads. Our leaflets, which include 'The Real Picture' leaflets for parents of teens and pre-teens, can be downloaded directly from the website.

**E-mail:** the unique Parentline Plus e-mail service enables parents to e-mail their concerns online. The service is secure and confidential and every parent receives a personal response by a trained worker. The e-mail helpline address is: [parentsupport@parentlineplus.org.uk](mailto:parentsupport@parentlineplus.org.uk) and can also be accessed via the website.

### Information from the Health Department

Slapped cheek is a viral infection which is affecting many of our children across all the year groups. The information that we have been given is as follows:

- Children may get a runny nose, fever aches and pains and rash.
- At first the rash may be on the cheeks (slapped cheek appearance) then on the arms, legs and trunk. It is pink, has a lacy appearance and may be itchy.
- The incubation period for this illness is approximately one to two weeks. The children are no longer infectious once the rash appears.
- Pregnant women in contact with a child with slapped cheek should contact their doctor for advice.

### Packed Lunches

A reminder to parents that fizzy drinks are not allowed in the children lunch boxes. Children may bring a small bottle/carton of squash. Milk and squash is available to purchase for 15p.

### Templefield Association – Summer Ball

All deposits for the Templefield Summer Ball (to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept) need to be sent in by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We need to confirm our booking shortly and without sufficient deposits we may have to cancel this event.

### Diary

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|------|-------|------------------|--|
| May  | Sat   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Football Tournament  |
|      | Mon   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | KS1 SAT'S & Y3/Y4 tests  |
|      | Fri   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Foundation Stage assembly  |
|      | Tues  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Sponsored event  |
|      | Thurs | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Celebration Assembly   |
|      | Fri   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9.10am Mr Grint's Class Assembly                                     |
|      | Mon   | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Half Term  |
| June | Mon   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Road Safety Week   |
|      | Fri   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9.10am Mrs Dove's Class Assembly                                     |
|      | Tues  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Image Theatre – Tom's Midnight Garden                                |
|      | Wed   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Y1 Visit to Bedford Museum<br>Kwik Cricket Festival<br>Skipping Demo |
|      | Fri   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Y2 Visit to Priory Park  |
|      | Wed   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10.10am Choir Assembly   |
|      | Fri   | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Staff training day   |
| July | Mon   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1.30 Whole school performance  |
|      | Tues  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.30 Whole school performance  |
|      | Wed   | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 Whole school performance  |
|      | Thurs | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 Foundation Stage Sports Day                                     |
|      | Fri   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Transfer Day   |
|      | Wed   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Sports Day<br>Y1 & Y2 9.30am<br>Y3 & Y4 1.45pm                       |
|      | Thurs | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Reserve Sports Day   |
|      | Fri   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Fiddle Fiesta<br>Sports Relief Day                                   |
|      | Sat   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Family Fun Day ( <b>change of date from previous letter</b> )        |
|      | Tues  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Y3 Maths Workshop  |
|      | Wed   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Y3 Visit to Hazard Alley - Milton Keynes                             |
|      | Fri   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Term Ends  |

If at any time you have concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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