



## **Headteacher's Newsletter – October 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy start to the term with lots of exciting trips and visitors and a positive return for our children.

This term is going very quickly, it is hard to believe we are over halfway through already.

Our Parents' Evenings were really well attended – thank you to everyone who joined us to hear lots of updates about your children's progress. If you were unable to make the evenings, please contact the school office to book in a separate appointment.

As ever, if there is anything I can help with or if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Nichola Allerston

Executive Head Teacher

### **School Uniform**

It is wonderful to see the children back in school looking so smart in their new uniforms. Please can we remind you to send your children into school in the correct uniform, particularly on PE days and to label all items of uniform with your child's name.

If affording uniform is a problem, please contact us at school regarding spare uniform.

### **Swimming**

Our swimming provision finishes at the end of half term, so we only have a few weeks left before we close the pool until April. Please can we remind you to make the payment for your child's swimming on Wisepay as soon as possible. We rely heavily on your donations to ensure we can meet the ever increasing transport costs.

### **Email communication**

In the busy world we live in, we use email as a form of communication more and more. Please can I ask that any email correspondence for teachers is sent within school hours as much as possible as staff are encouraged not to respond to emails later in the evening. Any emails you do send will be responded to the next school day. If you need to communicate with school out of school hours regarding an urgent matter, please email myself directly.

Staff will be available to speak to on the playground from 8.30am each morning and after school when they are dismissing their class. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, please do so through the office.

### **Carlton Lodge Residential**

Our Year 5/6 children had an amazing time at the residential trip. Hopefully your child brought back all of their belongings – please let us know if you have things missing! Look out for information regarding our next residential trip to London, we are already putting plans in place!



### **Attendance and Lateness**

We continue to monitor attendance as a high priority and I need to remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised. Taking children out of school during term time means they miss vital learning. Please book trips during the holidays.

Also, can I remind you that school starts at 8.40am. Children can come into school from 8.30am. We closely monitor attendance and lateness and arrange panel meetings if they are required.

### **INSET Days**

Just a reminder our next Inset Day is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Children will finish for half term on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



### School Photographs

We will be taking individual and sibling photographs during the afternoon of **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. If your child has P.E or swimming that day, please send them in school uniform with their P.E Uniform to get changed into. If you would like a sibling photograph (even if the sibling does not attend NCPS), please complete the FORMS by [clicking here](#) to let us know.

### Packed Lunches

If your child has packed lunches, please make sure you follow the policy which has been written with pupil health and wellbeing in mind. Please remember nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

### Hot lunches

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. If you have any issues with Wisepay or if you don't have access to the internet, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you. Could we also ask that you order meals with your child here possible, so they know what you have ordered.

### Prospective Parents' Open Day

We will be holding our Prospective Parent Open Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am to 2.00pm. This will be for parents with children due to start school in September 2026. If you know any parents who have children who will be eligible, please share this date with them. Please contact the office to book a tour of the school.

### Friends of School



Our Friends of School committee will be holding their annual AGM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. This will be from 6.00pm at school. We would love to have new members join us and help fundraise for lots of extra resources for our children.

### World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we would like to encourage the children to wear yellow for World Mental Health Day. Please bring a donation to support this worthy cause and help to fund lots of vital work.

### Term dates

Below are some term dates for your diary. We will update term dates in each monthly newsletter.

7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Friends of school meeting – 6.00pm at school
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual and sibling school photographs
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	EYFS "Stay and Play" session 8.45-9.45am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	End of Term One (This is Thursday, not Friday)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Celebration Assembly 2.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Children return to school for Term Two
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Prospective Parents' Open Day 9.30am – 2.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christingle Church Service 1.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS show 1.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Enterprise event – pm

**We will update with further dates and information regarding future planned events throughout the term.**