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School Grounds

As we shall be using the outdoors to a greater extent we need to fully utilise the grounds so we request you do not enter the rear playground until 3.25 p.m. and use the front grounds as a waiting area. The side gate will be locked between 9.15 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. to ensure the safety of all children. Please use the front gate if you require access during these hours. The Nursery is using their own access gate. Please ensure you always shut all gates. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Proud to Present

Our Proud to Present Scheme continues. A Nomination form will be forwarded shortly. This scheme is an important part of our school life and we are very grateful for your support. It is fully explained in the School Prospectus and in the Guide, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Values School

As part of a Vale of Glamorgan initiative we have become a Values School. Values Education underpins all aspects of our school life. The Values this term are Respect and Peace. The children will have opportunities to discuss and reflect on these values.

Water Bottles

Every child has received a named water bottle funded by the school and your child will have access to filtered water at all times.



Reception continues as the Reception teacher replacing Mrs Robins.

Dinner Time Midday Supervision

The 3 midday supervisors in the dining hall ensuring the children eat their dinner are Mrs Fowler, Mrs Owen-Ffoulkes, Mrs Hosgood and shortly Mrs Sawyer. We shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Fowler after many years in our School. We wish her all the best. The Learning Support Assistant team will be supervising the outdoor play during the lunch time.

Home Reading Library

This library opened on Friday 9th September. The children are requested to bring their books back every Friday. Our system, Junior Library.net, enables us to run the library and track the books as every book in the school has a bar code.

Home Reading Record

The Home Reading Record with the reading scheme books is sent home every Friday in the blue School Reading Bag. Please continue to support your child's reading by adding you comments in this book. We will be grateful for this support. Please return the reading record and book in the blue bag every Monday. This is applicable to Reception as and when they start the Reading Scheme.

Free Parent Support Website

As you are aware Oxford Reading Tree has successfully become the established Reading Scheme in our School. www.oxfordowl.co.uk is a free Parent Support Website with over 100 free e books, phonics made easy guide and plenty of activities and games. We highly commend this website to you.

Car Park Please note the school car park is for staff only. There is absolutely no exception to this rule. This is for the safety of your child. Due to persistent use by some parents the gate will be shut and locked.

Pavement Widening

I am sure you agree that this excellent project funded by the Vale of Glamorgan has been very successful. We are very grateful to everyone who supported this project.

Morrisons Grow Again in 2011

We are collecting these vouchers. Thank you.

Dates for the term.

Individual Photographs Colorfoto

Wednesday morning September 21st. All siblings will also be photographed together. Other siblings may be brought to the School Hall from 8.30am onwards.

Parents' Association AGM

Monday October 3rd School Hall at 8 p.m. Please make every effort to support our Association.

Harvest Festival

Thursday October 13th. Your child will be invited to bring a harvest parcel - details to follow.



Curriculum Talks -

School Hall 9.15 a.m.

Reception-Wednesday October 19th
 Year 1 - Wednesday October 12th
 You will be given a chance to see your child in their teaching area after the talk. Crèche facilities will be available.

Our next INSET Day is Monday October 17th in conjunction with Murch Junior School.

Half-term

24th October to 28th October inclusive.

Book Fair Week

Friday 4th - Friday 11th November
 Details to follow.

Parents Evening - will be after half term this year

Thursday November 10th - 6 - 9 p.m. This will give you an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into his/her new class. An appointment will follow nearer the time.

Reception parents will also have an opportunity to discuss your child's on-entry assessment report (statutory requirement) due to the introduction by the Welsh Assembly Government of the Foundation Phase Statutory Assessment and reporting arrangements.

Thank you for supporting the ParentMail system.

The School Holiday dates for 2011/2012 are attached.