



TITCHMARSH CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

AUTUMN TERM 2008

Welcome to the new academic year. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and you found some sunshine somewhere. How lovely to see everybody back safely, looking very smart and happy.

Our Owlets have settled into school life beautifully. They seem very happy in their new surroundings. They have benefited from the two visits they had already made to school and the visits to pre-school by Mrs Chappelow and the Y3 children last year.

STAFFING

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Findlay, who is a Special Needs Learning Support Assistant, and will be working in Y1 and Y2.

We have a vacancy for a Cleaner-in-Charge - (16 hours per week - flexible). A vacancy has also arisen for a Lunchtime Supervisor - two days per week. If you are interested in either of the above posts please contact Mrs Davies in the School Office.

SCHOOL BUILDING

The school is looking clean and tidy. All staff have spent a great deal of time and effort making the school look bright and motivating for the new year. The walls and doors have been painted and the school looks bigger and lighter. The children love their new rooms and the playground markings.

CLUBS

Information regarding Lunchtime Clubs and the Maths Library will be sent out next week.

PE and GAMES

The following sessions have been timetabled this half term and we would greatly appreciate your support in providing appropriate kit for the lessons. Thank you.

Monday afternoons	GAMES	- YR
Tuesday afternoons	PE	- YR
	PE	- Y3/Y4
Thursday afternoons	PE	- Y1/Y2
Friday mornings	GAMES	- Y1/Y2
afternoons	GAMES	- Y3/Y4

DIARY DATES

Please find attached a Calendar of Dates. There will be an open morning on Thursday 16th October. In the past this has been for parents of children who will begin school next year and parents who are considering sending their children to this school in the future, however we will welcome all parents to help us celebrate the raising of our ECO Green Flag and the launch of our new website, details to follow.

Term Cards - Schools in the Oundle and Thrapston Cluster have a strong working partnership to provide the best education for your children. All schools in our local cluster have the same holiday pattern, and are therefore pleased to work together to distribute the attached term card. Holidays are in the shaded text, so we hope these will be useful to you when trying to avoid booking holidays in term time.

PARENT HELPERS

Our parent helpers are invaluable to the school, if you would like to offer any assistance to school, please complete the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible.

SHARING ASSEMBLY

Sharing Assembly will continue in the same format as last year with children awarded certificates and stickers for special behaviour and work. Children will also be sharing their work with the rest of the school. However, Sharing Assembly will now be on a Thursday from 2.45pm until 3.30pm. The first parents' Sharing Assembly will be Thursday 25th September.

CHURCH SERVICES

The services led by Reverend Mynors will be on the following Wednesdays:- 10th September and 8th October (Harvest Festival), 12th and 26th November.

CORRIDOR OF FAME

This half term we have chosen:-

Composer	Bob Marley
Artist	Edward Hopper
Author	Quentin Blake

If as a family you wish to research these people further, contributions will be gratefully received for our displays. Please find attached a list for the entire academic year. Aren't we organised!!

FRUIT TIME

Unlike Key Stage 1 children, Year 3 and 4 do not benefit from the fruit scheme which is lottery funded. However, Mrs Stopps and I have allocated time in the morning for the children to eat fruit. If you wish to give your child an extra piece of fruit they will have the opportunity to eat it then.

WATER

Although each classroom has a water fountain, if you wish to send your child to school with a named water bottle, they will have the opportunity to drink from it during the day.

SAFETY ISSUES

As this is the beginning of the year, may I please remind you of the following safety procedures:-

Cars should not be parked directly outside the school or on the junction of School Lane and Chapel Street. PCSO Butter has informed me that cars should park from the red brick wall around the corner on Chapel Street. This is particularly pertinent at the moment with the roadworks on Church Street and School Lane. Attached is a map indicating 'safe' parking.

Children should only enter school at the beginning of the day through the small gate into the playground. Please do not use the car park as access to the green door. Cars enter and exit this confined space throughout the day, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. We know that you share our concerns regarding the safety of all children and know we can rely upon your co-operation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & ECO ACTION TEAM

Elections for this year's School Council will be after half term. A letter detailing the tremendous work done by our present school Council will also be sent after half term.

READING BOOKS etc.

Reading books, activities and spellings to go home, will resume this week.

FOTS

The FOTS AGM and first meeting of the year will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th September. Everybody is welcome to attend and help to whatever degree they wish.

VOUCHERS

If you are able to support us by providing vouchers throughout the year, ie Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers we would be grateful to receive them. We have now registered with Flora's 'Cooking with School Scheme'.

We still collect used postage stamps and foreign coins - which we send to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Charity.

INTERNET SAFETY

At school, we appreciate the knowledge and opportunities open to us through the use of the internet. However, with great advantages come disadvantages. Therefore, please find attached information which you may find useful now and in the future regarding your child's use of the internet.

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It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Ms Wilde, one of our SN Teaching Assistants is currently on long term sick leave. I am sure you will join with us in wishing and praying for her speedy recovery.

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Thank you again for all your support. We look forward to meeting and working with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Milton



