

Early Birds and Evening Owls

Newsletter

October 2017



We would like to thank all our families for their continued support and welcome all our new families who have joined us this term.



We are looking forward to presenting our first awards this term. The children with the largest number of stickers/certificates will receive them. Two children from each class will be rewarded. This acknowledges their kind, thoughtful and caring roles shown in club.

We are extremely happy with all of the children's outstanding behaviour so far this term.



We are trialling a new system this half term and hope it will be successful. The children have written a new prayer which will be said at the beginning of club and then the children can request snack throughout the evening (until 5pm). This will give all children the opportunity to choose when they eat and extend the activities. We will be monitoring this and review it at the end of term.



The new security gates have been installed. The pedestrian gate will be open for access to club both morning and evening. If you are late (after 6pm) for any reason please use the office intercom.



Please note club is now full every morning and we only have limited places available Monday and Friday evening. If you require extra sessions please ensure you have booked them. Due to demand we now have a waiting list in place. Unfortunately we can only offer places if they become available. If you are cancelling/booking sessions, please follow our procedures as stated in the Parent Handbook.



Please ensure you make staff aware of any medical conditions. If prescribed medication is to be administered during the school day, please complete the relevant medication form. Prescribed medication cannot be given without it. If your child requires an inhaler, please have a spare in club so that it is accessible if they need it. This should **not** be the same inhaler used in school.



Please do not use the keypad to open the door when arriving at the club. This is a security door and should not be opened by parents/children. The safety of everyone in club is our priority



We do encourage children to complete homework if necessary. So please speak to a member of staff if your child would benefit from this and a suitable area will be allocated. Please discuss this with your child/ren if you feel this would help.



Along with school we are looking at a different virtue each month and asking the children how they can use and show this value. This month we are concentrating on **'eloquent and truthful'**. This is a great opportunity for the children to earn stickers and certificates to go towards the end of term prizes.



We have a variety of books in our library and the children can borrow them on a nightly or weekly basis. We hope this encourages lots more wonderful free reading for all the children. Please ensure they return them in the same condition.



The children really enjoy outside activities and we constantly review what is offered.

Due to the weather and increasingly muddy field activities are restricted. So we are going to be accessing reception playground some evenings to give some variation in the choices.

We would like to offer some activities on the field weather permitting. If you would like your child/ren to participate please supply suitable clothing and trainers. A water bottle is also needed when participating in sporting activities.

Please discuss this with your child/ren so they are aware that if they have not got the appropriate footwear or bottle they will not be able to participate in the activity.



The children will be making samosas during Diwali, and also reflecting on Remembrance Day. Children have been encouraged to display their work on the display boards in club.



The gardening group raised £14.00 from the sale of their produce last term. THANK YOU to those who made purchases. The money raised will be used to buy more seeds.

Mrs Khatun is working hard to encourage the children to show an interest in promoting/maintaining the herb garden. If you have any knowledge of gardening, please could you share it with the group as it would be very much appreciated.



If during the next term you are sorting old toys, please consider donating any you do not need to the club. The children really enjoy playing with cars, superheroes, barbie dolls etc. These items are quite expensive to replace and we would be grateful of any donations. Thank you.

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