

Start of Term Newsletter – 07/09/2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back yesterday. They all looked very smart and refreshed after their break. At the end of the day, the teachers were full of praise for their classes and how well all the children had settled.

It was a busy break in the school and, thanks to the hard work of the staff, we now have two new attractive learning areas. One is dedicated to reading and the other is for maths, though the spaces are designed to be flexible. The original refurbishment of these areas was funded by our PTA and I am very grateful to all of you who attended events last year enabling this work to take place.

We also have worked on the grounds and many areas have been cleared. Our wildlife garden at the front of the school is in the final stages of dropping its seed heads and then that area can be trimmed. The Forest School is looking particularly good and we are delighted that all children will get time there this year. We have put together a rolling programme which starts with year 3 next week. The PTA have also funded repairs to the trim trail which is now open for the children to use again. I am talking to companies about adding in some additional pieces of equipment to refresh the trail.

During the break, the school migrated its email system, which is why there were some delays within Parent Mail. Please bear with us whilst remaining issues are resolved and we are fully up and running again. To contact the school, please use school@crj.tamat.org.uk.

There is a busy term ahead, so please make a note of these important dates:

- **PTA**

The PTA AGM is on the evening of Monday 23rd September in the school (time to be confirmed). This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and to learn more about the valuable work of the PTA. A full list of events for this year will be released shortly.

- **Photographer**

The school photographer will be here on Friday 13th September to take individual portraits of the children. Children with siblings in the school will be able to have photographs together as well as separately. Please ensure your child has their school jumper with them on that day.

- **Curriculum Evening**

Our annual Curriculum Evening will be on Thursday 19th September at 7pm. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to learn more about the year ahead. We will start in the hall with a general talk about where the school is now and our plans for the year ahead. We will then split into year groups so that you get to hear more detail on the expectations, timetables, trips and projects for your child.



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Attendance

It is a requirement of Surrey County Council that I remind you that children should only be taken out of school in exceptional circumstances. The Isle of Wight case caused some confusion, but Surrey CC considers only 100% attendance to be 'good' attendance. Parents taking children out of school for family holidays are liable to face a penalty notice. Each parent/carer would be subject to the penalty notice.

There has been an increase in requests for time out during term time and attendance levels at the school have declined. I will, therefore, need to be taking a firmer line on absence and children who are persistently late.

Uniform

The children arrived today looking very smart. The summer uniform can be worn until October half term should the weather be warm enough again for shorts and dresses. Please remember that hair accessories should be green or brown and that hair should not be cut shorter than a grade 3.

Other dates for your diary:

Thursday 12th September – Year 5 Egyptian Workshop

Week beginning 23rd September – Bikeability for year 6

Tuesday 24th September – Year 3 trip to Wisley

Week beginning 30th September – Book Fair

Wednesday 2nd October – Year 4 to Camberley

Friday 11th October – Maths Open Morning 9-10 am. Come and work with your child on some maths problems. A great way to learn more about the way maths is taught at the school.

Thursday 17th October – Author visit – Guy Bass

Thursday 17th October – Year 5 to Mosque Visit

Friday 18th October – PTA Discos

Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th October – Parent Consultations

Monday 4th November – Inset Day

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th November – Year 6 to Henley Fort

Tuesday 12th November & Tuesday 19th November – Year 4 to High Cross Church

Friday 15th November – PTA Movie Night

Thursday 21st November – Y3 Cake Sale



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Friday 29th November – Year 3 Zoo visit

Friday 29th November – Christmas Bazaar

Friday 6th December – Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December – Christmas Production

Friday 13th December – PTA Raffle Draw

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Party Day & Carol Service at St Paul's Church

Wednesday 18th December – Term ends 2pm

I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Sue Knight

Headteacher



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