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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a very good summer!

## Diary dates for the Year

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of the new term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	First swimming lesson for the term (Years 3,4,5 and 6)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closed for Staff In-service Training
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Governors spending the day working in classes.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival 2.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening 4pm-6pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Choir concert at Winding Wheel at 7pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School Communion service at St Mark's Church 3pm –all welcome School closes for mid-term break
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School re-opens – swimming starts for Years 3,4,5 and 6
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Last swimming day for the term for Year 3/4/5/6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas play 2pm- 'Silent Night'
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service at St Mark's 2pm School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Spring Term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	First swimming day of the Spring Term
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening 4pm-6pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	School Communion service at St Mark's Church 3pm –all welcome School closes for mid-term break
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens – swimming starts for Years 3,4,5 and 6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School closed for In-service training day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Swimming day for the term
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at 9.15am at St Marks Church School closes for Easter Break
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	First swimming Day of the Summer Term
25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4,5 and 6 visit to Lea Green
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for mid term break– swimming starts for Years 3,4,5 and 6
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed for Staff In service training
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day at 9.15am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports day if weather bad
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Closes for Summer Break

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE - New End of day procedure**

To improve the safety of your children we are changing the procedure for collecting children at the end of the school day. In the past many of you have commented on parent questionnaires that this procedure could be improved and following the installation of the new school gates we feel it is time to make changes in response to your comments.

From now on **all children will be collected from the school playground** not the front of the school building.

**The front playground gate will be unlocked at 3.20pm** by Mr Heathcote to allow parents to make their way onto the playground area to collect children. *Before the gate is unlocked at 3.20 we politely request that parents do not wait on the grass area in front of the windows of Class 3 as this can distract the children in that classroom from their learning.*

### **At 3.30:**

If you have children in Class 1: At 3.30pm Mrs Spencer will open the gate to the outdoor learning area so you can make your way into that area and children will be released to you from the classroom doors.

If you have a child in Key Stage 2 (Class 2 and 3), please wait in the area to the front of the climbing wall. The staff will escort the children out of the school and down the path at the side of the fenced area and then release them to you at the end of the path.

*If you have children in both Class 1 and Class 2 or 3 please collect your child from Class 1 first.*

Yours sincerely

Mr P.G.Searson  
Head Teacher