

Drama

A reminder to all those who would like to have lots of fun! After school drama club begins next Wednesday 17th September, 3.15 - 4.45.

I am so looking forward to working with you all again! See you then, **Lorraine**.
Remember to bring a snack to have at 3.15.

Football

Premier Sports (who have been working with the children over the last year) are starting a football club for Years 3 - 6 every Monday between 3.20 and 4.25. The first session will be on Monday 15th September and the course will run for 10 weeks. The cost for the 10 sessions is £35. Children were handed booking forms yesterday – please return these to the office by Monday.

Yoga

A new yoga club is starting on Thursdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. The first course of sessions will run from next Thursday (18th Sept) until Thursday 23rd Oct. All school and nursery children are welcome. The course fee is £25 payable to Ann-Marie Brook. Contact the office to reserve a place or call Ann-Marie on 07980 084360.

Swimming will resume next Tuesday 16th September for Classes 2 and 3. Please bring your children to the leisure centre by 8.45am.



Warmest welcome

... this week to two children joining Class 3: Laurence Ffrench with parents *Patrick and Alice* and Jonah German (*Gaye and Peter*), and to 5 children joining Class 1: Benjy and Tommy Orchard (*Lizi and Stuart*); Ed Rollestone (*Sarah and Toby*); Molly Bull (*Liz and Peter*); and Aaron Sherry (*Rosie and Graham*).

Thanks!

Many thanks to all the parents who have helped out over the summer with projects that sneaked in to the school holidays. In particular a huge thanks to the Premises Team who have overseen various building projects and to Hend (Katarina) who has worked with our friendly electrician to bring the school's electrical system in line with current requirements.

All hands on deck!

Please have a think about how you would like to support the school over the coming year and sign up on the board that will be posted near to the school gate. The work of the various teams and other support that parents offer is critical to the smooth and effective development of the school. It would be great to have all families represented! Many thanks.

Parent conferences

These are scheduled for the week beginning 22nd September and are an opportunity for you to tell us more about how your child is at home in order that we can better meet their needs at school. Please make appointments directly with your child's class teacher.

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Mon	Sausages and mash	Fruit salad
Wed	Pasta with sauces and salads <i>Class 1's "You Choose" meal</i>	Ice cream & fruit
Fri	Pizza	Jelly with fruit

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 15	Football Club - 3.20-4.25pm
Tue 16	Swimming for classes 2 & 3 - 8.45am at the Leisure Centre
Wed 17	Drama Club - 3.15-4.45pm
Thu 18	Yoga Club - 3.30-4.30pm

Wed 24 - Governors' Meeting

Thu 25 - Parent Consultation - 3.30-7.30pm

October

Wed 8 - Harvest Celebration - 2.30pm

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There's something about rain in September which I find strangely reassuring. It triggers some kind of Proustian experience that includes memories of playing marbles through puddles in the playground, steamy classroom windows, and the comfort of being taken home from school as the evenings draw in.

For those of us who stayed in Britain this summer, August certainly wasn't the sun drenched experience we all eternally hope for. Our family holiday took us to Holland where (like many of the northern European countries) the lighting of candles in homes and public places suggests an understanding that we northerners need to find alternative ways of ensuring warmth and light throughout the seasons.

Inspired by the wisdom of this custom (and much to the amusement of my family) I found myself buying candles at every turn and returned to England with a collection large enough to offer the town of Lewes a feasible alternative to electric lighting. A carefully selected bagful made its way to school and lit our assembly to mark the beginning of the new school year. Snug in the warmth of their glow, and with the sound of rain pattering on the roof outside, we welcomed old friends and new and looked forward to the year before us.

As we set dates now for Harvest celebrations and think ahead to the various festivals of the autumn and winter months we can at last be sure that these coming months will reliably bring colour and warmth to our every day.

Lizzie