



### Dates for your Diary

#### Autumn Term 19

18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Church
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Church Harvest Festival
16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Edinburgh
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Church
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Closes
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Opens
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 Robinwood
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Church
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccines
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Church
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Church
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Rec*/Y1/Y3/Y5 (Church)
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Rec*/Y2/Y4/Y6 (Church)
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Closes
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Opens
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Closes
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Opens
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Closes
20 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens

*\*Please note that Reception Class will be split over two days for the Nativity Service. Mrs Wheeldon will inform parents of the exact date.*

**Please Note: These dates may be subject to change**

### Attendance

Well done to our Y6 & Rec class who are this week's winners of our High Attendance Trophy. Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Nursery	88.54%	Rec	99.26%
Y1	98.52%	Y2	99.23%
Y3	99.21%	Y4	99.23%
Y5	98.52%	Y6	99.26%

A total of 47 sessions, which equates to 23.5 days, however, have been lost so far this academic year due to unauthorised holidays.

### Walking Home Alone

Year 6 pupils are allowed to walk home alone if we have written permission which is signed by a parent or guardian. Pupils in Year 5 that are 10 years old can also walk home alone as long as we have written permission, signed by a parent or guardian. All pupils in Year 5 after Christmas will be allowed to walk home alone, again as long as we have written permission, signed by a parent or guardian. If a sibling, friend or family member is collecting a pupil then they must be aged 16 years or over. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Packed Lunches

Can you please ensure that children's packed lunch bags **do not contain Nutella or any other food products containing nuts**. This is for health and safety reasons as we do have pupils in school with nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Orangebox Training

We have been offered the opportunity to access a number of distance learning courses for our staff, parents and carers; these courses are free of charge and are completely fully funded by the Adult Education Budget (AEB) providing a learner fits the eligibility criteria and they are welcome to complete as many subjects as they like, just one after the other. The Qualification gained upon completion is a Level 2 Vocational Related Qualification (VRQ) which is accredited by the NCFE and CACHE.

The available courses are:

- Understanding behaviour that challenges;
- Safeguarding and Prevent;
- Mental Health in Children and Young People;
- Understanding Autism;
- Nutrition and Health.

Course duration varies depending on the subject (around 6 hours) and if completed before the allocated time the work can be submitted as soon as you would like. If you are interested in undertaking one or more of the distance learning courses please let the school know (FAO Mr Bull).

### Flu Vaccinations

A flu vaccination letter has been sent home today with your child (Rec-Y6 class). Can we ask that all parents complete their child's consent form for the Flu vaccination online or return the consent form to school before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The link is [www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent) and the school code you require is **144901**. If you do not have internet access the contact number is **03000 032554**

### Head lice

**There have been a number of cases of head lice** reported in school this week. Unfortunately the school nurses are no longer responsible for carrying out these "hygiene" inspections, and the information we have been given to pass on to parents is as follows: Should you discover head lice, you are advised to take the following steps: Suitable lotions can be found at your local chemist. Follow the directions on the pack very carefully. Treatment is only recommended for people in which live lice are found. Everyone in the family should be checked. Head lice cannot jump, fly or swim but can be spread by head to head contact. Eggs cannot be destroyed using a lotion, they must be combed out of the hair using a nit comb. Eggs are very difficult to comb out of hair as they stick to the hair shaft. The school nurse recommends using hair conditioner or baby oil to help the eggs slide out of the hair when combed. Routine hair care is a good safeguard against head lice. Comb hair twice a day. Inspect the hair of every person in the household each week. Please ensure that all long hair is tied back in a bobble. Plaits are even better as the hair is tightly contained and less likely to touch the hair of another child.

Please continue to inform us if your child has head lice in order that we can inform other parents to check their child/ren's hair and so help prevent the spread throughout the school. If a member of staff notices live head lice in your child/ren's hair then the school will contact you immediately.

### ParentPay – Cashless Payment System for Schools

In view of the demand from parents to make school payments online we have decided to join ParentPay which is a cashless system currently used in many schools. This system will allow parents to pay and consent for trips, book childcare and meal sessions and much more. This will mean there will no longer be the need for children to bring cash into school. It also allows for parents who do not have a bank account to be able to make payments at a local Pay Point. We are really keen on getting started with this and are hoping to go live in October. More details will follow later this month.

### Parent/ Guardian Class Meetings

The dates of class meetings being held with your child's teacher are as follows:

Y6	1 <sup>st</sup> October	4.30pm
Y5	10 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30pm
Y4	19 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30pm
Y3	19 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30pm
Y2	18 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30pm
Y1	17 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30pm
Rec	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	4.30pm
Nursery	25 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30 pm

You will receive an invite to your child's class meeting to which it is very important that you attend. The class meeting will cover expectations, homework, curriculum content, interventions and strategies to support your child at home. You will also be given the opportunity to ask your child's teacher questions about this academic year. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. We look forward to meeting you and working together in partnership to support your child achieve their potential.