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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8 September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Well here we are back to school after a great summer holiday. I do hope you have all managed at least a little bit of a break. The children all seem refreshed and have come back to school looking extremely smart - thank you. They have all settled really well into their new classes and the routines of a new year group.

New children and teachers

Welcome to all our new children in Willow Class (Nursery). They have done amazingly well after one or two days in Nursery.
Welcome to Rowan Class (Reception). I have been very impressed by their ability to line up nicely and join in with assembly. A fantastic start - well done.
Welcome also to Harriet Lawson in Year One and Toni-Ann Sharples in Year Four. It is lovely to have you here as part of the Castlefields' team.
We also have a new teacher in Year One - Miss Nicholls. Welcome aboard the Castlefields' ship. We are delighted to have a newly qualified teacher with us.

Staff Leaving

We are extremely sorry to be losing the lovely Mrs Watson next week. She has worked at Castlefields for 18 years and has helped many children in a small group or one to one capacity to develop their learning and overcome some of their barriers to learning. She will be moving on to pastures new and we wish her every happiness in her move.
Mrs Tildesley (Mrs Burrage) also left at the end of last Term to pursue a different job in her new married life. We wish her well.

School Improvement Works

As you have probably noticed the wall and fence at the back of school has been completed over the holidays along with the tarmac finish to the flooring. This is such an improvement to the previous muddy mess.
We have also had a lovely new automatic scroll down screen and projector in the hall. There are super speakers and a great media system all installed with it.
Both of the above projects are being paid for by the PTA from funds raised at the Summer Fayre and many other events they have worked hard to organise.
We are so very grateful to the PTA for all their hard work in fund raising so that we can enjoy the above works. Budgets are very tight in schools this year and this has enabled us to improve school in ways that would not be feasible in the current public spending climate.
A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PTA.
The Local Authority have honoured their commitment to upgrade our windows along the front facias of school and into Reception class. This has also enhanced the look of school and made the building more cost effective in terms of heating. Our building surveyor - Andy Clough - has looked after us well and managed to get this project completed in the holidays.

Forthcoming Events from the PTA

The AGM of the PTA will take place on Tuesday 19 September at 6.30 pm in the school hall. We would like as many parents to attend as possible. As you can see from the above news the PTA really do make a difference to school. There are many other projects that PTA pay for too. It is also a really good informal way to get involved in school. Please do come along to the AGM. Many of the present committee are staying on but a few people are leaving due to other commitments. We do need new people to step forward. There will be wine and nibbles available. Come along and see what the PTA get up to. You will be made very welcome.

House Names

We have new house names this year. They are Doves, Kingfishers, Puffins and Robins. Your child will be allocated a new house during the next week.

Hallowe'en Disco – Wednesday 18th October

On Wednesday 18 October there will be a Hallowe'en disco in the school hall. It will be similar format to the last disco. Reception children are welcome from 6.00 to 7.00 pm but remember they have only been in school a few weeks and might be overwhelmed. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. The cost of the tickets will be £2 for Reception children and £3 for other children. Hallowe'en party bags with sweets will be available to buy at a cost of £1. There will be other goodies on the night – further details to follow.

KS2 Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons with Mr Jones will re-start next Tuesday 12 September. If your child is interested in guitar lessons (KS2 only), please contact the office for further details.

Brass Instrument Lessons

Brass instrument lessons with Mrs Disney will also re-start next Friday 15 September. If your child is interested in these lessons, please ask the office for details.

Academy Conversion

The plans are going well for us to convert to becoming an Academy into the Bridgnorth Area Schools trust. We have a governors meeting on Wednesday 27 September to make final decisions and sign various legal agreements before our conversion on November 1st 2017. Thank you all for your support in this. It seems the way of the future in education.

PE Partnership

On Tuesdays Miss Massey teacher from ESSP will be working mainly with Reception and KS1 delivering PE lessons.
On Wednesdays Mr Hulme will teaching PE/Games to KS2 children. Please can children have a spare pair of socks and a plastic bag for trainers as, on occasions, they can get wet. Girls in tights will also need to change into socks for PE. If your child has shin-pads please can they bring them in for PE, but this is not essential.
Please make sure all children have their PE kit in school on these days.

Extra Curricular Activities

School Clubs will recommence next week.
If your child already attends a Club, they will be able to continue this term. However, for Invasion Games, Mixed Football and Netball, please complete the slip below.

Activity	Day	Time/Coach	Pupils
Edge Gymnastics	Mon	After School Kelly Woodcock	KS1 / KS2
Invasion Games	Tues	12.30 pm – 1.00 pm Claire Massey	Years 3 / 4
Mixed Football	Wed	12.30 pm – 1.00 pm Mr Hulme	Years 4, 5 & 6
Mixed Football	Wed	3.15 pm – 4.15 pm Mr Hulme	Years 4, 5 & 6
Netball	Wed	3.15 pm – 4.15 pm Anna Owen	Years 4, 5 & 6
Pyjama Drama	Wed	3.15 pm – 4.15 pm Rochelle	Year 1 *FULL*
Edge Gymnastics	Thurs	After School Kelly Woodcock	KS1 / KS2
Gardening Club	DAY TBA	12.30 pm – 1.00 pm Mr Nelson	KS2
Running Club	Fri	3.15 pm – 4.00 pm Mr Broster & Mr Drinkwater	KS2
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Brass Instrumental Lessons *Email: sddisney5@gmail.com*	Fri	3.15 pm onwards Group £4.50 Individual £9.00 Mrs Stella Disney	KS2
Various Music Lessons available – please ask the office.			

Library Installation

We should be having the last phase of our new library installed next Wednesday 13 September. This will complete the shelving and meeting facilities of the library.

Yours sincerely

J. Hampson

Mrs J Hampson
Headteacher

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - REPLY SLIP

Child's Name: _____ Year: _____

My child would like to attend _____ Club.

Medical conditions: _____

Arrangements for collection: _____

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer