



I.C.P.S Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome Back

After a busy first few days hopefully the children have now settled into their new classes and parents are getting to know the routines too.

This newsletter is to give you the overview of whole school events happening during this first term. Curriculum newsletters for particular year groups will be sent out this week too.

Data Packs

It is very important that pupil data is always kept up to date and we can only do this when parents let us know of any changes. We will be sending out existing information for you to check within the next couple of weeks, please change if needed and return as soon as possible. Please supply at least 3, preferably 4, emergency contact numbers. We have an added a data field so we can record if your child usually goes home with a different family member / child minder on set days during the week.

Maths with Parents

At the end of this week you will have an invitation from your child to come with them to a short (30 minute) information session about how to sign up for access to these fun games and maths support videos to use at home. The events will run over 3 days (25th / 26th / 27th Sept) at either 9am or 6pm. If you have more than one child in school you may bring them to the same session if you prefer or attend as many as you like!



Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September

Over the years this has been a highly successful, and enjoyable, event held at school to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Care charity. The children take it in turns to provide the entertainment during the morning and parents and visitors are most welcome to stay and enjoy coffee and cake throughout the morning. As it is early on in the term the new reception children don't take part but those who attend in the afternoons get the chance to come along with their parents if they wish. Donations of cakes / biscuits are most welcome.



Bring an adult to lunch: Thursday 5th October

Last year we held a very successful shared lunch when parents could order a school dinner (£2.75) and then eat with their child. Afterwards many choose to join in the lunchtime activities too. This year Mrs Hall, our new librarian, is opening the library to all those who would like to come and share a story together. Please see the flyer with details of menus and how to order your lunch.

Thursday 5th October 6:30 – 8:30pm

We are delighted to have commissioned Ben Kingston-Hughes from *Inspired Children* to lead an entertaining evening of fun activities for parents and staff working together on ideas for **Positive Behaviour, Positive Children**.



Staff who have already attended couldn't speak highly enough of the training, or the fun they had, and insisted I book the training for more parents and staff to enjoy. In fact we are not the only ones as Channel 4 has just commissioned *Inspired Children* too!

We realise the invitation to lunch is the same day as the Positive Play parent session in the evening but 5th October is census day when we have to say how many children have lunch and this affects our budget. With enough notice we hope parents will be able to make arrangements to attend both events – or take it in turns with partners/other family members.

Library Volunteers

Can you help in the library for 20 minutes one morning a week at the start of the school day to help the children change their reading books? If the answer is yes then please let the office know.

Applications for Secondary School

Although the children have only just started Year 6 they need to be thinking about applying for a place at Secondary School as the admissions process has now opened. All admissions must be made on line via the Northamptonshire County Council website and before the deadline on 31 October 2017. I strongly recommend parents undertake this application process as early as possible because last year most late applicants did not get their first choice. Wollaston Secondary School is holding an open evening on Thursday 28th September. On Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September parents can book to take a tour of the school. Please see the Wollaston School website for further details

Applications for Starting School in September 2018

Applications for starting school in September 2018 have opened. They should be made through the Northamptonshire County Council website. We are holding an open evening on Thursday 12th October from 5pm when parents and children may go on a tour of the school with one of our Year 6 ambassadors.

Flu Immunisations for FS to Y4 on 18th October

The school nursing service will be sending out information about voluntary flu immunisation available at school.

Parents' Evenings

Advanced notice that the first parents' evenings this year will be on Wednesday 1st November (3:30pm – 5:30pm) and Thursday 2nd November (5:00pm – 7:00pm); however please don't wait till then if you wish to speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and here's to a good year ahead.

Regards

Mrs J Alison