

Newsletter no. 1 2018/19

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Together we inspire and succeed

Welcome back to the start of a new term and a new school year. We hope that you had a lovely summer break.

I am thrilled to be your new head teacher and I look forward to working with you and your children. I've been really impressed with what I have seen here so far and I look forward to continuing to take the school forward. I am also the head teacher at St. Margaret's CE Primary School in Stoke Golding so I will be doing a split week between the two schools. My planned days for working at Ullesthorpe will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the days I am here, I will try to be in the playground before and after school; please come and introduce yourselves.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and look forward to working with you during the academic year ahead, supporting your children during the next stage of their learning journey. Class teachers will write to you soon regarding the topics to be covered this year.

Welcome to....

A warm welcome to Mrs Danielle Oliver who joins us as a year 3 and 4 class teacher. Mrs Oliver will be job sharing with Mrs Holdcroft in class 3. Mrs Holdcroft will be teaching the children on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Oliver on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Welcome also to our new Reception children who began school on Monday this week. I'm sure that they will quickly feel a part of the Ullesthorpe family.

A Busy Summer

Over the summer, Mr Cross and Mrs Maskell have been busy getting the school ready for us and they have done a brilliant job. Our new trim trail has also been put in over the summer and looks fantastic. The children have already been enjoying climbing and exploring.

The new Trim Trail



Communication

Our school newsletter will usually be issued on the first working Wednesday of each month – it contains information about what is happening in school. If you would prefer to receive our newsletter via email, please forward your email address to the school office. Alternatively, copies of our newsletters are available on our school website www.ullesthorpe.leics.sch.uk.

We make much use of our text messaging service too – it is important that mobile telephone contact numbers are up to date. You can also follow us on both Twitter (@ullesthorpe_ps) and Facebook. We are aware that social media is a useful tool that many parents use to communicate. However, you must be aware that postings are considered in law to be accessible to the general public and you could be subject to the laws of defamation, malicious communication and improper use of the communications network for any offensive or false allegations against the school or its employees. If you have any concerns with any aspect of your child's education and learning you should always contact your child's class teacher or a member of the school leadership team in the first instance.

Our key communication document is the home/school diary. Please see the guidance notes at the beginning of your child's diary. It is particularly important to note any changes in end of day routines for your child. Your child's home school diary should be sent to school each day where it will

be initialled by a member of staff to ensure we see all messages.

Class 3—Cosby Air Show

Class 3 enjoyed a fabulous day out at the Victory Show in Cosby last Friday, we were blessed with glorious sunshine which made a fascinating day even more enjoyable. We were guided around the show by an ex-paratrooper who did a splendid job of engaging the children and answering their numerous questions! We saw many military vehicles including jeeps and tanks, and chatted to re-enactors about their camps and life during war time. We heard real gunfire (with our hands over our ears!) and examined the different weapons, appreciating the strength and skill required to handle them. We even helped the soldiers to dig foxholes in the woods! We were lucky enough to see a Dakota plane land right in front of us as we ate a picnic lunch and had one or two hats blown off by the propellers from the aerobatic planes! The children really enjoyed their day with some telling us it was the best trip they'd ever been on. Thank you to all parents for the fantastic costumes you provided - we really did look the part!

Some Things to Remember....

Safety

The safety of your children is paramount, please do not park on the yellow zigzags or in the gateway to the school car park. School transport is available for children living in the outlying parishes served by Ullesthorpe School, children arriving on the buses are met at the school gate by a member of staff. In order to reduce the number of cars parked close to school, please consider the option of using school transport or car sharing if you have not already done so.

Please do not allow your children to ride bikes, skateboards and scooters on the playground before and after school. Children are aware of the behaviour expected before and after school.

Attendance

Attendance is monitored regularly. Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is both a legal requirement and essential in order for pupils to maximise the opportunities available to them. Where there are concerns about absence, we seek to intervene early. Government guidelines came into effect on 1st September 2013 preventing Head teachers from granting

any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A family holiday during term-time does not fall under the category of 'exceptional circumstances'.

Milk

Milk is provided by Cool Milk. Milk is provided free subsidised by the County Council to all 4 year olds in school. Parents/carers will need to register their child at www.coolmilk.com to start receiving free milk. We also operate a paid milk system whereby parents opt to pay for milk. Parents/carers should register their child online at www.coolmilk.com to start receiving school milk. Payments are made direct to Cool Milk and are usually paid each half term. Milk is stored in a refrigerator until just before it is served.

Water

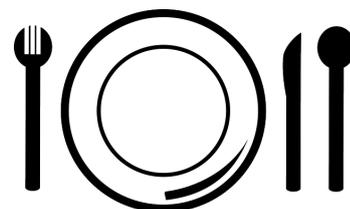
Please encourage your child to bring water to school each day. Water fountains are also available.

Snacks

Children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at morning break time. We participate in the National Fruit Scheme whereby children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day. This is administered at a regional level and we receive regular deliveries of apples, bananas, tomatoes, carrots, pears etc. The produce is rinsed before the children eat it.

School Dinners

Dinners are prepared off site by the local authority. Menus are sent home in advance. The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day for children in Key Stage 2 (£11 per week). All children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free dinner every day. All school dinner money should be paid on line using School Money. Please remember that we are a nut free school.



Uniform

Please ensure all items of school clothing are marked with your child's name. School labelled products are available from Sports Supplies, Church Street, Lutterworth. **PE Kit:** All children should have their PE kit in school every day. This consists of a pair of dark shorts and a white/blue t shirt. For indoor PE sessions, children work barefoot, unless they have a particular foot problem. Trainers, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms are required for outdoor PE sessions.

Swimming

Weekly swimming lessons are included in the curriculum as follows: children in Class 3 (Year 3/4) swim from September to February, children in Class 2 (Year 1/2) swim from the middle of February to July. Details of cost and organisation are sent separately. A canopy provides an all-weather learning environment for our younger children.



Thank you for your on-going support.

Miss E Prokipczuk
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

September

- 5th Multi-Sports after school club starts Yr1 & 2 only
- 6th Football after school club starts Yr 3,4,5 7 6 only
- 10th Cross Country lunch time club starts
- 11th Dance & Performing Arts after school club starts
- 14th Life Education van on site.
- 24th School Nurse drop in session 3:00—3:30
- 27th School photographers in for pupils annual photographs
- 29th Cross Country Race at Loughborough (more details to follow)

October

- 4th & 5th Cl3 Beaumanor Hall residential trip
- 15th—19th HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 22nd School opens

November

- 3rd Cross Country race—Loughborough
- 27th Flu vaccinations

December

- 1st Cross Country race— Loughborough
- 11th KS1 Nativity 2:15
- 12th KS1 Nativity 9:30
- 12th KS2 Carol Service
- 18th Peter Pan Pantomime-whole school

January

- 18th Young Voices

Academic Year 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

School opens Thursday 30th August

School closes Friday 12th October

Half Term Monday 15th October – Friday 19th School closed

School opens Monday 22nd October

School closes Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

School opens Monday 7th January

School closes Friday 15th February

Half Term Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February School closed

School opens Monday 25th February

School closes Thursday 11th April

Summer Term 2019

School opens Monday 29th April

School closes Friday 24th May

May Day Monday 6th May School closed

Half Term Monday 27th – Friday 31st School closed

School opens Monday 3rd June

School closes Friday 12th July