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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our second autumn half-term. Before we start to think ahead I would like to say a few thank-yous. Firstly, for your amazing support for our **Harvest celebration**, what a pleasure it was to come together as a community. Crawley Open House have sent us a certificate

Our value this half-term is peace.



We will make a peaceful school and world.

Psalm 34:1

Seek peace and pursue it.

of thanks for our contributions. Secondly, thanks to all of the parents that helped us for our Open Days. It was really lovely to show our wonderful school to so many people. As always, we would ask for your support in spreading the word to any prospective families so that our school continues to grow and thrive. Finally, thank you to all the helpers who came into school to help us make our 3 Guys. They provided us with a few

laughs and scary moments, so hopefully they did the same at the Fireworks event!

FONS/FOPS

At the moment we do not have a new Chair or Vice Chair for FONS/FOPS. These are challenging times for us all and our energy and efforts have undoubtedly had to be spread in many new directions, but we have so many amazing plans for our children and families that we are reaching out to you for help to make sure they happen. As well as the social side of FONS, they are essential to our school and pre-school as their fund-raising helps us go the extra mile with our children. We have used their profits to uplift our topic learning, purchase curriculum resources, bring theatre companies into our school, top up our library and buy new reading scheme books and much, much more. **They help us create magical memories for your children.** Please consider if this something you could take on, possibly as a partnership. A small group of parents have kindly agreed to plan our

Xmas Fayre but we have many other things that we need help with. Here is a message from our previous Chair, Pippa:

Tuesday 23rd Nov is the next Bag2School collection date. The collection can be any time from 9am so bags need to be ready by 9am.
Would anyone like to volunteer for the Bag2School job? It involves:

- sending a draft Parentmail to the school office to be sent out informing parents of the collection - needs to go to Preschool parents as well so ask school to forward to preschool - (i can forward a previous letter, or you can take the list of what can and can't be included off their website: <https://bag2school.com>)
- post the date ASAP on the Facebook page as half term is a good time to sort clothes! (I have already done this)
- be available on the day from say 8.30am ish to collect the bags near the school gate (if dry weather) or collect and keep dry under a tarpaulin or ask the school where the bags can go for a few hours if wet
- book the next collection for whenever you/FONSAP decides, either one per term or twice a year - phone number from their website.

Let me know if you're happy to do the job and then over to you! Thanks

p.s. bags will be sent by Bag2School to school in November to go home in book bags

Parent consultations

Some parents told us in our last parent questionnaire that you would like more information about your child's progress. Given the disruption we have experienced over the last year or two, we can understand that the learning journey has been interrupted in a way that has never happened before, so we are making a few changes to our autumn parent consultations (don't forget to sign up if you haven't already) this year. The teachers will of course have brief conversation with you about your child's transition and how involved they are in their learning as well as any concerns regarding overall well-being, but they will quickly move onto their learning and will share with you the areas of success and the areas of focus. They will also provide you with a brief note of ways that you could support them at home so that we can do the very best for them.

It is important to note that children were assessed using a 'best fit' approach at the end of last year and we are now moving towards the more usual model of 'working fully within' the expected range, this means that some children may be identified as needing more support in order to maintain their previous level.

Anti-Bullying Week 2021



As usual we will be supporting this year's Anti-Bullying Week. The theme is one kind word, let kindness fuel kindness. The children will be

exploring this through our Bee Rule 'be kind.' On Monday 15th November children may come to school wearing odd socks as a way of starting our week.

Stay well and safe.

Paula Bliss (Headteacher)

DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2021

Term dates – Wednesday 1st September – Friday, 17th December

Half term dates – Monday, 25 October – Friday, 29th October

INSET days – Wednesday 1st Sept, 22nd October, 4th January 2022, 21st February 2021, Friday 22nd July.

Thursday 21st July is our additional holiday in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

01.09.21	INSET Day
02.09.21	Back to school
24.09.21	Macmillan Coffee afternoon – cake sale (after school)
04.10.21 – 08.10.21	Feeling Good Week
05.10.21	#Hello Yellow Day – Supporting Young Minds
06.10.21	Meet the Teachers – information about learning and the curriculum – 6-7pm
11.10.21	FONS AGM 7.30pm – school hall
16.10.21	Out and About Morning – 10am – 12noon.
19.10.21	School Photos - Individuals
21.10.21	Harvest Festival @ 2pm – School
22.10.21	Open Mornings 10-12 (INSET DAY)
23.10.21	Open Mornings 10-12
10.11.21	Meet the Teacher – 3.30 -6pm
17.11.21	Meet the Teacher – 5.30 – 8pm
26.11.21	Hoops Up
TBC	<i>Christmas Fair</i>
07.12.21	Christmas Performance – 10am
08.12.21	Christmas Performance – 10am
10.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day – School date.

15.12.21 Pied Piper Theatre company
16.12.21 Christingle @ 6pm -St Peters Church
17.12.21 Last day of term – Break up at 2pm

DATES – SPRING TERM 2020

Term dates – Tuesday 4 January 2021 – Friday 1 April 2021

Half term dates – Monday 14 – Friday 18 February 2021

INSET Day – 21st February 2021

Diary Dates for Spring Term

04.01.22 INSET Day
05.01.22 Back to School
11.02.22 Break up for half term
21.02.22 Inset Day
22.02.22 Back to School
01.04.22 Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm
19.04.22 Back to School – Summer Term



In God's Hands We Learn and Grow

