



Sarratt School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This is the first newsletter for a while and also my first one since arriving at Sarratt at the start of the term. It has been good getting to know the children and meeting with some of you in and around the school. There is no further update regarding Mrs Bremner's return at the moment but we will communicate this to you once we know more.

School Calendar 2017

A school calendar with key dates for the term ahead is available and can be viewed on the school website. If there is ever a need to change any of these dates we will endeavour to give everyone as much notice as possible.

Open Learning - February 9th 2017 from 9.00 to 9.30am

When you drop-off your children on Thursday 9th February there is an opportunity for you to spend some time with your child looking at their work and seeing some of the activities they have been involved in. We hope you will be able to join us on this occasion and celebrate some of your child's achievements.

'Wear Your Heart for Home-Start' Day - Friday 10th February 2017

On this date we will be raising awareness of and supporting the work of Home-Start, a charity that supports families facing crisis. The children are invited to attend school wearing pyjamas to take part in our 'Chill-out Day'. If you would like to support the work of Home-Start we would suggest a donation of £1 per child towards this worthwhile cause.

Parent Teacher Consultations

These meetings will be held on the evenings of **Tuesday 28th February** and **Wednesday 1st March**. These appointments are timed at just after the midway point in the school year and will give you an opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher the progress made so far and to agree targets for the second half of the year. The appointments forms will be available on the classroom doors from **Monday 6th February**.

Gates

Some parents have spoken to me about the gates being closed very promptly at 8.50am. I understand this is quite different to when Mr Bailey was working at the school. At the moment we are without a caretaker and Mrs Chrysanthou is doubling-up each morning unlocking and then locking the gates. The start of the school day is a very busy time for her and so she is being particularly prompt with locking the gates once the official school day has started at 8.50am so that she can return to her main duties. If there are occasions when you unavoidably miss the cut-off, such as happened on Thursday morning when Church Lane was closed, please use the main entrance. We are seeking to recruit a new caretaker and will update you when we have more news.

Gold Book Celebration Assemblies

The Gold Book Assemblies continue to be held each Friday morning when we take the opportunity to celebrate a whole range of successes including house points earned and the pink dustpan award! We also draw the behaviour raffle. Every child who has had their good behaviour acknowledged during the week has a ticket in the raffle and so has an opportunity to receive a small prize. The main part of the assembly is given to hearing about some personal successes, one from each class and these children have their name entered in the Gold Book. The assembly is held every Friday at 9.00am. The class teacher, or the pupils themselves (if they are older), will tell you if they have been entered into The Gold Book. If this is the case we hope you will be able to join us for the assembly to celebrate with us your child's achievements.

Finally, congratulations to the girls in Year 4 who won their indoor athletics competition against local schools recently.

Yours sincerely,

D. Smith