



## April 2024 – Newsletter

## Collective Worship

### Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a great start to the summer term, albeit not a very warm one! The children have come back from the Easter break, refreshed and ready for learning, which is great to see. With the weather being so changeable, please remember to send your child to school each day, with a suitable coat. The fleeces are not suitable for rainy days and therefore not practical for a playtime during a spring shower.



Summer term has also brought our school a new menu. I do hope that you are enjoying the photographs of the food options served each day. We have tried our very best to consider all eventualities and preferences, and you can see there is a large amount of self-chosen items, on the salad bar. Please let us know of any favourite meals that the children have enjoyed, as well as any that they really did not like. We are constantly reviewing the provision, so that we gain the best menu possible.

With regards  
Dawn Deacon

### Staffing

We are very pleased to have Mrs Foster back in our teaching team again, as she takes over the maternity cover lessons in Year 4. She knows the school well and will be an asset!

With sadness, we say goodbye to Mrs Earl, who has been with us for a short time, but fitted in so well. She will be spending more time with family, and we wish her well for future endeavours.



This half term the children will be learning about the Christian value of respect, in the collective worship sessions. They have already been introduced to the concept, thought and who they need to respect and what actions demonstrate this value. You may have noticed that there is a slightly new way of lining up the in the morning. The children have a whistle blown in the final few minutes of waiting for the class teachers to collect them from the playground, and this signifies being ready to show respect. They line up neatly, become quiet and wait for their teacher to walk into school. Even with just a few times of practice, it already looks polite and respectful.





## Swimming

We still have some problems setting up the swimming pool, as the filter is damaged after a winter of unuse. However, we are still hopeful to being swimming lessons during the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 or just after.

Please remember that your child needs to have a suitable swim lesson swimsuit, towel, swim hat and goggles (if they choose) all in a bag, for each timetabled lesson. Children cannot wear plasters, nail varnish or earrings when in the pool, so please ensure that the children are ready for each session. All children will need to wear a swimming hat, so please make sure that they have one, when they start the lessons.

We are very pleased to have a new swim coach this year, and welcome Mrs Scotto Di Marrazzo to the team. She will teach the children to swim, alongside a member of staff. We also need at least 1 (2 for KS1) parent(s) to help with each swim session. Class teachers have been asked to send you details, for individual classes, but if you are able to help in a further class, or stay on for a full morning, or different session, then please let me know. We rely very heavily on parental support for these lessons to take place, to ensure safety, so thank you in advance if you can help in any way. The younger children still need a huge amount of support to dress and change for swim lessons.



Those of you who took part in the resuscitation course at school, will also have the ability to book a swim session after school and into the summer holidays, for a small price. Details will be sent directly to you, with how to pay, rules of the pool and general housekeeping guidance. Myself and Clive Patterson are the main pool carers but we have also gained 4 other volunteers to take care of the water conditions. We are very grateful to them, as they will form a rota for checking the water, through the summer holidays!

## Earrings and long hair

It is noticeable that more and more children are arriving at school with newly pierced ears. Please be advised that they will need to remove all earrings for swim lessons and should take them out on the days of PE at school. The guidance for us, is that the children should remove their own earrings and so it is best to take them out on each PE day before they arrive at school. Covering them with plasters is not adequate enough.

If your child intends to get their ears pierced, we ask you to wait until the summer holidays, so that they do not miss their swimming lessons and have plenty of time to allow their ears to heal.

A further safety aspect, at school, is very long hair. I would prefer it was tied back every day, to prevent any injury and to create a smart appearance, but it **MUST** be at least tied back for PE lessons.

Thank you for your cooperation with this



matter.



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Our school motto is "Let your Light Shine" (Matthew 5:16) Flourishing together in a Christian Community

