

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

By the time you receive this newsletter, we shall have completed week 4, and we are now more than halfway through this small term. The weeks fly by! I hope that by now all our new pupils are settled in and are enjoying being here. Staff feel that this is the case, but if you feel that there are any lingering anxieties, please do get in touch.

We are going to be talking to children soon about how much reading they are doing at home, and I hope you will all feel able to support us by encouraging your children to read – either by reading to them or listening to them read.

I hope you enjoy the gardening photos this week, and there should be some lovely ones in the next edition, as Reception are going to Rushall Farm next week, and that usually gives us lots of photo opportunities! We wish our sports captains luck in guiding our teams through to success in matches and competitions, too!

There are a few items that I need to bring to your attention now

With very best wishes from the staff and myself

Headteacher

Collection of pupils after clubs

We are very sorry that it is not possible to allow parents to enter the school grounds by car to pick up or drop off when their children are attending clubs after school. To open the car gates, it needs someone in the school office to operate the gates, and we can't guarantee that there will be anyone in the office after school finishes. Unfortunately, we must ask parents to enter/exit through the pedestrian gate, which will remain unlocked until all clubs have finished.

Gardening Club News

The school entered four classes for schools in the Southcote Gardeners Annual Show, which was held at Prospect School on Saturday 2nd September for produce grown in the School's garden and a decorated bookmark. We entered produce in a selection of classes, as follows: Class 01: A vegetable selection of 5 items comprising a courgette, green pepper, sweet corn, red onion and swiss chard, which was awarded a 1st. Class 02 A pot of herbs comprising purple basil, rosemary and sage, which was awarded a 1st. Class 03 The largest sunflower head (250 mm diameter) which was awarded a 1st and Class 06 a decorated bookmark (we in fact showed all the decorated bookmarks that the pupils had done) and they were awarded a 1st. The school's total points awarded was 12 and the school retained the Gordon Hinton Memorial Schools Cup that we had won last year.





The school council has been elected:

Albie (Prime Minister)

Year 6: Zeenat & Edward

Year 5: Lillian & Amy

Year 4: Danielle & Brandon

Year 3: Anaya & Blake

Year 2: Tai-Shawn & Kerry-Ann

Year 1: Azraq & Lasya

The first meeting with Mrs Gooch & Mr Van Der Merwe was held on Monday 25th September. Plans were agreed for the Key Stage 1 & 2 playgrounds. Zeenat placed the order with the company – the playground fittings will start in the middle of October. The next meeting will take place at 12 o'clock on Monday 2nd October.

Breakfast Club

Don't forget that Breakfast Club is now available at a reduced price of £3.75 per day and runs from 7.45 until 8.40am. Payment should be made online, which makes it a very easy process, by using this link:

<https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/783>

Harvest Festival

This year, we are holding a Harvest Festival celebration on Wednesday 11th October. We would like to give the children the opportunity to do something meaningful for people in need. Items that we would like the children to bring in would be, for example, tea bags, sugar, tinned goods, biscuits, jam, rice, pasta. All these are basic items, and there would be no risk of them being spoilt. Please can any donations be handed into your child's class from Monday 9th October. Everything will be donated to ReadiFood. Thank you.



Secondary School – Year 6

Please make sure you apply for your child's secondary school place either online or by application form. The closing date is Tuesday 31st October 2017.



The following pupils have been elected as Sports Captains

Zack	Hockey
Sophia	Girl's Football
Aiden	Y3/Y4 Football
Szymon	Football

