

NURTURE ROOM

We are really pleased to tell you that from September 2011 school will have a Nurture group. This will provide for 6-8 children who have social and emotional barriers to learning.



Children will be referred to the Nurture Group based on assessments from the "Boxall Profile" and will receive part time interventions taught by two specialist staff. For the rest of the time the children will be part of their mainstream classes.

The learning centre will be refurbished and specially adapted to create our new nurture room.

This will mean that Krazy Kids after school club will be in Miss Potton's current Y5 classroom from September. More Information will follow. It will not affect the use of the room by Amy's House at weekends.

TIMEKEEPING

As part of our attendance monitoring, we have noticed an increase in the number of late marks throughout the school.



Doors open at 8.40am with registration taking place from 8.50am to 9.00am. If your child arrives between 8.50 and 9.00am they should report straight to their class. If they arrive after 9.00am children should report to reception for a late mark. Arrival after 9.30am is recorded as unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Its really important that children are in school and settled for 8.50am so they don't miss the introduction to lessons as key subjects are taught in the mornings.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

PLEASE REFER TO SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



We have noticed that some parents are using the school car park to drop children off for School Breakfast Club as well as picking them up from after school clubs and activities.

This is causing a bottleneck which occurs when cars are trying to use the drive both ways. More importantly this is putting children in danger who are using the drive when coming to and from school.

We appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience but we must insist that parents do not bring their cars into the school car park at any time, principally for the safety of other children.

Thank you for your co-operation.

EASTER & SUMMER FAYRE

Thanks to everyone who supported the Easter Fayre and raised over £500. Plans for spending the money raised to date will be communicated from the PTA shortly.



We are planning our Summer Fayre to take place on Sunday 10th July. As always, anyone with some spare time is invited to join us in the planning and running of the event on Monday Evenings from 6.30pm.

Planning is also underway for a parents' Race Night at school on 14th July. More information about both events will be sent out after half term.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The holidays remaining for this school year are:



Fri 27th May - Staff Training Day

Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June - Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 6th June - Staff Training Day

Fri 22nd July - Break up for Summer Holiday

A full calendar of dates and events is available on our website www.ballifield.co.uk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Even though we have only been back a few weeks since Easter it has been an extremely busy half term. Our Y6's have completed their SATs and the rest of the school are having assessments now. The Y2's have also begun their SATs so excellent attendance is essential.

We shall start transition activities in June to ensure our children are well prepared for September. All the children will have the opportunity to spend time with their new teachers before the summer break.

Sympathy Message

School was sad to hear of the tragic death of Molly Hurditch who was the younger sister of the late Amy. Both girls were the motivation for "Amy's House" the weekend special needs provision at our school.

If you would like to make a contribution to Amy's House, over the next few days there will be a collection box in each classroom.

Sheila Haigh