

School Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year to all our families and an extended warm welcome to new families that have joined us this term.

This newsletter contains details relating to this term, up to Easter. You may like to detach the dates list for quick reference. These dates are also published in the parentzone area of the website and on the BMPS App.

At the end of the autumn term, we were all thoroughly entertained by the wonderful nativity plays in the Pre-prep department and the pupils in the Prep department delighted us with two performances of their Christmas Production, Jack and the Beanstalk.

The children in the Preparatory Choir sang carols in the community and children in the nursery and the pre-prep departments were lucky enough to receive a visit from Santa.

Well done to everybody.

Staff

Miss Tica Alba Esteve has joined our Pre-Preparatory Department and Mrs Emily Boughton, will return to the Preparatory Department from maternity leave this term.

Theme for this term

Our theme for this term is Responsibility.

Fundraising

This term our fundraising projects will continue to be Wheel Power and the Alzheimer's Society. So far, we have raised £734.07.

In addition, we have raised £894.39 for Children in Need and £300.00 for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal.

Thank you for your continued support for all these worthy causes.

This Term's Events

a. First half of term

After School Clubs

Teacher led after school clubs will begin during the week beginning Monday 14th January 2019.

Ballet classes - classes 4 to 7

For those who have booked, the first Ballet lessons will take place on Monday 14th January 2019.

Class 4	3.30 – 4pm
Class 5	4 – 4.30pm
Class 6	4.30 – 5pm
Class 7	5 – 5.30pm
Prep	5.30 – 6pm

Teddy Tennis – classes 3 to 7

For those who have booked, the first Teddy Tennis lessons will take place on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Class 3	3 – 3.30pm
Class 4	3.30 – 4pm
Class 5	4 – 4.30pm
Class 6	4.30 – 5pm
Class 7	5 – 5.30pm

Class 10 Fire Safety Lesson

On Monday 14th January, the children in class 10 will receive a Fire Safety Lesson from the Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

Class 8 trip to the Pantomime

On Thursday 10th January, the pupils in class 8 will visit Milton Keynes Theatre for the matinee performance of Robin Hood.

Karate Club – classes 5 - 11

For those who have booked, the first Karate sessions will take place on Thursday 17th January 2019.

First Session (Beginners) 4 – 4.30pm

Second Session (Intermediate) 4.30 – 5pm

Third Session 5 – 5.45pm

Open Mornings for Prospective Families

This term we have three Open Mornings for prospective families, between 10am and 11.30am on the following dates:

Saturday 19th January

Thursday 24th January

Thursday 14th March

If you have friends or colleagues who may be interested in the school, please remember the 'Introduce a Family' discount of £500 for you and the new family should they register (terms and conditions apply).

Junior Prep Reports

Reports for pupils in the classes 8 and 9 will be sent home on **Friday 8th February 2018**.

Junior Prep Parent Consultations

The Junior Prep Parent Consultations will take place over two days, on **Tuesday 12th February and Thursday 14th February**, between 4pm and 6pm. Parents will be invited to book appointments with their child's form tutor and subject teachers.

Senior Prep Reports

Reports for pupils in the classes 10 and 11 will be sent home on **Friday 15th February 2018**.

Pre-Preparatory Reports

Reports for children in classes 4, 5, 6 & 7 will be sent home on **Friday 15th February 2018**.

b) Second half of term

Ski Trip Meeting

A meeting for parents and children who are going on the 2018 Ski Trip, will take place on **Tuesday 26th February 2018** at 5pm.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 7th March 2019**, we will all be partaking in World Book Day. Details to follow.

Parents' Social Event

On **Friday 8th March 2019**, we would like to invite all our parents to join us for a Race Night. Details to follow.

Grendon Residential Trip Meeting

The parents of children in class 8 who are going on the residential trip to Grendon are invited to attend a meeting on **Tuesday 12th March** at 5pm.

House Poetry Competition

Our annual House Poetry Competition for children in classes 6 to 11 will take place on **Wednesday 13th March 2019**.

Choir and Orchestra Performance

On **Wednesday 20th March** 2019, the school choir and orchestra will be performing at 9am. Parents are invited to join us.

Ski Trip

Our annual ski trip will take place between **Saturday 23rd March and Friday 29th March** 2019, at the outstanding resort of Les Menuires in France.

Pre-Prep Progress Meeting – Classes 5, 6 and 7

We will be offering parents of children in classes 5, 6 and 7 the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their child's progress on **Tuesday 26th March** and **Wednesday 27th March** 2019. Further details to follow.

Comic Relief 2019

On **Friday 29th March**, we will be fundraising for Comic Relief. Details of how your child can take part, will follow.

Pre-Prep Easter Bonnet Parade

Parents of children in the pre-prep department are invited to join us for our annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Music Workshop on **Monday 1st April** 2019. Details of timings to follow.

Ballet

At the end of this term, the last ballet lessons will take place on **Monday 1st April** 2019.

Teddy Tennis

The last Teddy Tennis lessons will be on **Tuesday 2nd April** 2019.

Karate

The last karate sessions of the spring term take place on **Thursday 4th April** 2019.

Class 8 Residential Trip

Our annual overnight residential trip for children in class 8, this year to Grafham Water Activity Centre, will take place on **Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April** 2019. This is an adventure break where children experience a number of challenging activities; during the day, they will take part in a variety of outdoor activities and on the Thursday evening there will be entertainment arranged for them.

End of term assembly

Our final assembly this term will take place on **Friday 5th April** 2019. Parents are very welcome to join us from 2.30pm.

Dates Sheet

Spring Term 2019

January 2019

Thursday 3 rd	Nursery open and playscheme
Tuesday 8 th	Spring term begins
Monday 14 th	Class 10 Fire Safety Lesson Ballet lessons begin Pre-Prep and Prep after school clubs start this week Private Music Lessons start this week
Tuesday 15 th	Teddy Tennis sessions begin
Thursday 10 th	Class 8 trip to the Pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre
Thursday 17 th	Karate sessions begin
Saturday 19 th	Open Morning for Prospective parents between 10 and 11.30am
Thursday 24 th	Open Morning for Prospective parents between 10 and 11.30am

February

Friday 8 th	Reports Home – Classes 8 & 9
Tuesday 12 th	Junior Prep Parent Consultations – classes 8 and 9
Thursday 14 th	Junior Prep Parent Consultations – classes 8 and 9
Friday 15 th	Reports Home – Classes 10 & 11 Reports Home – Classes 4 – 7
Monday 18 th	Half term for one week. Nursery open and playscheme for those who have pre-booked.
Tuesday 26 th	Ski Trip Meeting

March

Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 8 th	Parents' and Staff Race Night
Tuesday 12 th	Grafham Water Residential Trip Meeting – class 8, 5pm
Wednesday 13 th	House Poetry Competition
Thursday 14 th	Open Morning for Prospective parents between 10 and 11.30am
Wednesday 20 th	Choir and Orchestra Showcase
Saturday 23 rd	Ski Trip leaves
Tuesday 26 th	Progress Meetings – classes 5, 6 & 7
Wednesday 27 th	Progress Meetings – classes 5, 6 & 7
Friday 29 th	Comic Relief Ski Trip returns

April

Monday 1 st	Pre-Prep Easter Bonnet Parade and Music Workshop Last Ballet lessons of the term
Tuesday 2 nd	Last Teddy Tennis sessions of the term
Thursday 4 th	Class 8 Residential Trip leaves Last Karate sessions of the term
Friday 5 th	Class 8 Residential Trip returns Last day of the spring term End of term assembly – parents are welcome to join us from 2.30pm
Monday 8 th	Nursery open as usual and playscheme for those who have pre-booked
Friday 19 th	School and Nursery closed for the Easter break
Monday 29 th	Nursery open as usual and playscheme for those who have pre-booked
Tuesday 30 th	Summer term begins

Advance notice of dates

May

Wednesday 1 st	11+ Registration Portal opens at 3pm
Friday 3 rd	Class 7 swimming begins
Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday – school and nursery closed
Tuesday 7 th	Prep & Pre-Prep After School Clubs begin
Saturday 11 th	Open Morning for Prospective parents – 10 - 11.30am
Monday 13 th	Whole School Photograph
Wednesday 15 th	Classes 10 & 11 Wimbledon Visit
Thursday 16 th	Open Morning for Prospective parents – 10 - 11.30am
Tuesday 21 st	7s into Prep Meeting, 5pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Class and Team Photos
Monday 27 th	Half Term – school and nursery closed for one week

June

Monday 3 rd	Summer term resumes
Thursday 6 th	Open Morning for Prospective parents – 10 till 11.30am
Tuesday 11 th	Inter-Prep Athletics Competition at Stantonbury
Friday 14 th	Speech Day
Wednesday 19 th	Sports Day for classes 3 – 5 Grandparents' Day
Friday 21 st	Sports Day for classes 6 – 11
Thursday 27 th	11+ Registration Portal closes at 3pm

July

Wednesday 3 rd	Transition Morning Meet the Teacher at 5pm
Friday 5 th	Last day of the summer term End of term assembly – parents welcome to join us from 2.30pm
Monday 8 th	Nursery open and playscheme for those who have pre-booked Stevensons in school. 3 – 5.30pm

August

Friday 9 th	School and Nursery close at 6pm, for the summer break Building reopens for Nursery and playscheme Stevensons in school, 8 – 11.30am
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September

Monday 9 th	Autumn Term begins
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