

Acresfield News

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Diary Dates

September

5th—Children return
6th—3.30pm and 6.00pm Parent transition meetings for all classes except Tiger Cubs
10th—Orangutans out afternoon 'Walk my Journey'
11th—Street dance club starts
12th—Multi-Skills club starts
13th—Penguins visit from the fire brigade
13th—Tag rugby/hockey club starts
14th—6pm-8.00pm Friends welcome barbecue
17th—School run clubs begin
19th—Penguins football tournament
20th—Tempest individual children's photographs
27th—3.30pm Meerkat parents phonics workshop
28th—MacMillan coffee afternoon from 2pm—3pm in the school hall organised by the Jaguars

October

2nd—3pm First cabinet meeting for the Pupil Parliament
3rd—Orangutans out 'Walk my Journey'
4th—9.00am Parent class representatives meeting
10th—World Mental Health Day—wear a splash of yellow
12th—Open Morning for prospective parents September 2019 10am-12.30pm
19th—9am Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration. Everyone welcome
22nd—No clubs this week
23rd and 25th—Parents' evenings
26th—9am Penguins' class assembly followed by coffee for parents
26th—end of half term

November

5th—INSET day—School closed
6th—Children return
6th—Jaguars trip to Tatton Park
8th—Meerkats trip to Jodrell Bank
8th—Tiger Cub parents invited to lunch
9th—Tiger Cubs' trip to Delamere Forest
12th—School run clubs finish this week
15th—Orangutans' trip to Tatton Park
16th—Choir performing at Children in Need
26th—2.45pm Parents welcome into school to 'Share the Learning' except Tiger Cub parents.
29th—Orangutans' 'Walk my Journey' evening performance

December

4th—Catch up and Cake! Tiger Cub parents 2.45pm
5th—Swimming Gala
14th—2pm Aladdin performance in school
20th—9.00am End of term celebration assembly—everyone welcome
20th—End of term.

January

7th—INSET day—school closed
8th—Children return

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and are feeling ready for a new school year. First of all, I would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of the staff for all your end of year presents, cards and warm words. It is greatly appreciated by us all. Many thanks!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and their families joining us this term, both in Tiger Cub class and across the school. Please join us at the Friends welcome barbecue at 6pm on Friday September 14th. Everyone is welcome to this event.

August

It has been a busy August in school. Our holiday club ran successfully during the first two weeks, where the children enjoyed a variety of activities both indoors and out. Refurbishment and minor works have also been completed around the school, including the relocation of our staffroom, in readiness for our extension.

New Build

We are expecting our extension to begin in a few weeks time. This will be to provide an additional classroom space, in order to have nursery provision on site for 26 three and four year olds. The work will mean that access to the playground will only be via the far end of the school, closest to the Alwyn Gardens entrance. We will let you know nearer the time the exact start date.

Attendance

Our absence figures for the last academic year were the highest the school has known. As a result, our attendance figures were below the national average. Staff mentioned it at the transition meetings yesterday and governors discussed it during their July full governing body meeting. Attendance and lateness will have a raised profile this year to ensure that children are in school at the right time and to improve our school attendance figure. Please can we ask for your full support with this. Further information will follow.

Before and After School Supervision

As you may be aware, the school grounds are used to provide learning opportunities for the children. Please can we ask children do not run off, unsupervised into the woodland area at the start and the end of the day. Jim Rumble, our Forest School teacher, maintains the area ready for the children to use each week. We also have a new 'archaeological dig' site in the small wooded area near the pond. Please can you ensure your child does not enter this area unsupervised either. It is currently taped off. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to working with you and having a successful start to the school year. Don't forget to keep up to date with life at the school via our twitter account, accessible via the homepage of our website.

Best wishes
Mike Dixon [Headteacher]