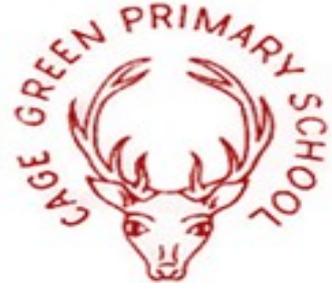


CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER



September 2014

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to a new school year—I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It is lovely to see all the children keen and enthused about school. I would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new parents who are now starting what I trust will be a rewarding association with the school.

Free School Meals

As you may or may not know from **this week** the new nationwide scheme 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' is available. Therefore all children attending school in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals, regardless of income or eligibility for benefits. By receiving free school meals you can save over £400 a year and ensure your child is eating a healthy, balanced meal every day. With this in mind could I please encourage all parents/carers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to sign up for a school meal even if after a week you and your child decide to revert back to packed lunches.

How 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' will affect Pupil Premium

In this financial year, schools will receive £1300 extra for every primary-aged pupil registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years. Even though all infants receive a free school meal as detailed above, parents/carers still need to make an application for Free School Meals. Children don't have to take our meals if they don't want to but, if they are on our Free School Meals register, then they qualify for all sorts of other financial benefits throughout the year.

When a child is on our Free School Meals register, the school receives extra money for that child which has to be spent on raising achievement of free school meals children. This extra money is called the 'Pupil Premium' and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families, service children and adopted children are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances.

Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) and an annual income below £16,190
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit
- Asylum Seeker under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

How to register for Free School Meals

In order to register your child to receive Pupil Premium you will need to go to the following website and follow the instructions:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Alternatively, you can print a paper registration form from the website or collect one from the School Office.

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'Meet the Teacher'

The first opportunity to meet your child's class teacher will be Tuesday 16th September for Years 4, 5 and 6 and Thursday 18th September for Years 1, and 2, Griffin and Dragon Classes. This is an informal meeting to give parents/carers the opportunity to see their child's classroom and discuss any issues. The class teacher will also be explaining the curriculum and timetables for the forthcoming year.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held in early October. **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** performance will take place on **Tuesday 7th October** at **St Peter and St Paul's Church** in Tonbridge. The performance will begin at 10.00 am and last approximately ninety minutes. **Years 1 and 2** performance will take place on **Wednesday 8th October** in the school hall and begin at 9.30 am. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend both performances. Our Reception children will be singing at Penruddock House and donating Harvest gifts to the elderly residents.

(Christmas Concerts will take place on Friday 19th December—details to follow)

Clubs

Letters regarding clubs will be distributed to the children early next week with the hope of beginning the week commencing 22nd September. First Class Football and Gym have already started on a Wednesday and Thursday. We have a varied range of clubs available this term and if last term is any indication, they will be very popular so apologies in advance if we can't accommodate every child. This term we have been able to secure a number of specialist coaches who are willing to run a club—due to the expertise they offer, there will be a small charge for these clubs.

Unclaimed Bikes

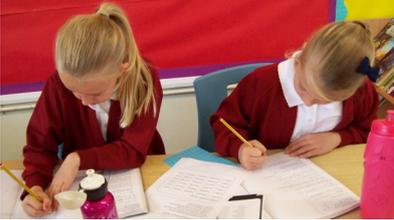
We have a small number of bikes left unclaimed over the summer break. If you have a 'missing bike' please speak to Mr Bennett. Any left at the end of next week will be donated to a local charity.

Next newsletter will be published on Friday 3rd October 2014.

Yours sincerely

G Garthwaite

Headteacher



Term Dates—2014-15

Term 1	Wednesday 3rd September—Staff Development Day Thursday 4th September—Staff Development Day Friday 5th September—Staff Development Day Monday 8th September—Thursday 23rd October Friday 24th October—Staff Development Day
Autumn Break	Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October
Term 2	Monday 3rd November—Friday 19th December
Christmas Break	Monday 22nd December—Friday 2nd January
Term 3	Monday 5th January—Friday 13th February
February Break	Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February
Term 4	Monday 23rd February—Staff Development Day Tuesday 24th February—Wednesday 1st April
Spring Break	Thursday 2nd April—Friday 17th April
Term 5	Monday 20th April—Friday 22nd May Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday
May Break	Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May
Term 6	Monday 1st June—Friday 24th July