

HENLEY IN ARDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome back to a new school year!

Everyone has settled in well and there's definitely an atmosphere of business and fun in the air in school. Pop in some time to admire the alterations to the ICT suite and the new surface on the playground.

Teacher Training Days

Our training days for the next year are Friday 8th October 2010, Monday 22nd November 2010, Monday 4th January 2011 and Monday 6th June 2011.

Clubs

Please look out for letters about clubs and the various starting dates. Orchestra will start again on Thursday 16th September at 3.30 - 4.00. Children who play musical instruments should check the new days for their lessons. Timetables available from Mrs Evans.

Extreme Readers

Please send in your Extreme Readers photographs from the holidays. The display has not gone up yet, so why not take a sneaky picture this weekend and bring it in?

Safeguarding

It is our school duty at the beginning of the year to remind our families of our Safeguarding procedures. We have a Safeguarding Policy in school which you may ask to see. It includes Child Protection, Health and Safety, Behaviour Management and Anti-Bullying, E-Safety etc all of which go towards keeping your child safe in school. All staff receive regular training in dealing with disclosures from children and in reporting procedures for any concerns they have. We have 2 designated and trained Child Protection Officers, Mrs Nash and Mrs Hayes. We work in close partnership with Children's Services.

All our staff and any other helpers who come into school regularly have been checked by the Criminal Records Bureau.

We keep children safe during the day by locking all outside doors and continuously monitoring our routines to ensure children are never exposed to unnecessary dangers.

All our activities are preceded by a risk assessment. The school has regular Health and Safety and Fire checks. Our Health and Safety Policy is available from the office.

Under the Education Act 2002 (Section 175), schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Parents/carers should know that the law (Children Act 2006) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. The staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer, and where possible, seek their consent for a referral to Social Care. This will only be done where such a discussion will not place the child at increased risk of physical harm. Schools will seek advice from social care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally concerns are passed on which later are shown to be unfounded. Parents/carers will appreciate that the designated person for child protection was carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acting in the best interests of all children. All members of our school community, indeed, all citizens, have a duty of care towards children, so please don't hesitate to approach us if you have concerns about one of our children or call Stratford Children's Services yourself. In case of emergency, call 999.

Reading Army

We would like to start up the Reading Army again as soon as possible. If you were already involved last term, could you contact school to confirm your times and when you can start.

If you have not been involved before but would like to find out more, again please contact school so we can arrange training and clearance checks. The Reading Army had a huge impact on the standards our children achieved last year so we are very keen to continue and develop the Army even further if possible.

Tea and Tissues

As the new Reception children begin their first full day at school on Monday, the PTA provide solace or celebration for their parents in the hall straight after drop off with a cup of tea and a box of tissues for those that may need it. Come along anyway if you have a few spare minutes and enjoy the company of other parents in the same situation as yourself.

Parent training evenings

We are holding an evening for parents for children in Years 1, 2 and 3 to come along and find out how we teach your children maths so that you can support them more effectively with their home learning. Please note the date has changed from the one advertised last term. It is now Monday 20th September at 7.00. Jolly phonics for Reception parents and 'Moving On' evening for Year 1 parents is still on Thursday 30th September.

Dinner money

Please remember school lunches now cost £1.75 for a child (£8.75 per week) and £2.50 for an adult. Cheques payable to Warwickshire County Council for dinners, music and trips.

Parents' evenings

...are your chance to come and talk to your child's class teacher about how well they have settled in and their targets for the year. You will be able to sign up for your appointment on the sheets in the entrance hall from 4th October. Wednesday 20th October 6.00-8.00 or Thursday 21st October 3.30-6.00. Please telephone the office to make your appointment if you are unable to come into school.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in on 27th September from 8.30. Please bring in pre-school siblings for family photos from 8.45. We will organise sibling photos during the morning.

Papal Visit

One of the events during the Papal visit next week is a live broadcast from the Holy Father to all the children in Catholic schools across the country. This event is called 'The Big Assembly' and is happening on Friday morning 17th September at 10.15. If you are a catholic family and would like to take part in this event with your child, Mrs Nash will accompany them across to the school and meet you there around 10.00. We are aware this clashes with swimming, but would be happy for your child to take part in the assembly if you choose this option. Please inform us as soon as possible.

Please remember Jazmine Lewis and her family in your prayers as they go through this very difficult time while Jazmine is so poorly.

September		
13	9.00	All Reception full time
	9.05	Tea and Tissues in hall for those who need it
20	7.00	Maths for KS1 parents + Y3
27	8.30	School photographs
27	1.30-2.30	Open Afternoon for prospective families
28	6.45	Governor meeting
30	7.00	Jolly Phonics Reception & Y1 parents
October		
4	9.00	Signing up sheets for Parents Eve available
8	All day	School closed - training
15	6.00-7.30	Disco
20	6.00 - 8.00	Parents Evening
21	3.15-6.00	Parent' Evening
22	1.30	Harvest celebration
	3.15	Break up
November		
1st	9.00	Back to school
22	All day	School closed - Training
24	1.00 - late	Young Voices NIA
29	1.30	Christmas tree goes up
December		
6	1.45	KS1 dress rehearsal
7	9.30	KS2 dress rehearsal
7	1.45	KS1 performance
8	1.45	KS2 performance
8	6.15	KS1 performance
9	6.15	KS2 performance
13	pm	KS1 party
14	pm	KS2 party
15	9.00	Go to Birmingham rep
16	12.00	Christmas dinner
17	1.30	Carol concert; Break up
4 th January 2011	All day	Teacher Training Day
5	9.00	Children back in school