



Dear Parents/Carers



What a Week!



We had our first 'real' fire drill this term...unannounced when a smoke alarm was activated by accident. The staff and I (and the fire crew who arrived very swiftly) were all so impressed with how quickly and calmly the school was evacuated. Well done everyone!



Our extension is going up so quickly. The crane has been exciting to watch and has even stopped the playground football games mid flow! You can now see steelwork in place. Do have a look at the plans on display by the bike rack if you haven't had a chance yet.



We have also had a very special visitor in school this week. Rev. Murdoch McKenzie visited the school on Thursday. He was the first Ecumenical Moderator for Milton Keynes, and laid the foundation stone for our School in May 2004. He was delighted to see how much we have grown, and we are still growing now we are 5!



At the end of the Summer Term we repeated our Ofsted questionnaire to ask you how satisfied you were with our service to you as a school. You said that we had improved in almost all areas especially improvements in behaviour, leadership and management and how ready the children were making progress. However you also said that we still need to work on engaging parents and improving communication.



What have we done, and how you can help

- We have updated our school website completely to make it more attractive and up-to-date. If you haven't been on the site for a while, do have a look and see what's new!
- We will be starting a text messaging service to increase instant communication, so make sure that we have your most current telephone numbers.
- Get involved by coming along to the Open Forum on Thursday 22nd October from 7-8pm

.....and there's more to come!

Watch this space for joint child/parent workshops coming soon...

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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'Swine Flu Alert'



Please keep alert for symptoms and contact your GP or NHS direct for advice if necessary.

Open Forum - Calling all Parents and Carers



Let us know if you would be interested in joining our 'Open Forum' please come along on 22nd October 2009 from 7.00-8.00pm

STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006? If the answer is YES, then you need to make your application for them to start school in September 2010. The application packs are available now from the school office. Remember, if you do not make an application then you will not be issued a place at any school. The deadline for making an application is FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2010.

OPEN MORNINGS AT CHRIST THE SOWER SCHOOL

Wednesday 7th October	9.00 - 10.00 am
Thursday 15th October	9.00 - 10.00 am
Thursday 22 October	9.00 - 10.00 am
Thursday 12 November	9.15 - 10.00 am



If you would like to join us on any of these mornings, it would be helpful if you could give your name to the office, and we can add you to the list. Thank you.

ORDERING SCHOOL MEALS - REMINDER!

Could we please remind all parents/carers that menus for ordering school meals must be received in the school office by 9.00 am each Wednesday. We are unable to accept any late menus received after this time, as Cygnet Catering will not add any additional orders after this time. May we remind all parents who are in receipt of free school meals that this also includes free issue menus - if we don't get the menu on time, you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch from home for the following week.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Friday 9 October	Harvest Celebration - please send your ticket request back as spaces are strictly limited.
Friday 16 October	Sycamore Class Collective Worship - 9.00 am
Tuesday 20 October	Parent/Carer Consultation evening - more details to follow
Thursday 22 October	Parent/Carer Consultation evening - more details to follow
Thursday 22 October	Open Forum Meeting 7.00 - 8.00 pm
Friday 23 October	Break up at end of normal school day for half term holidays
Monday 2 November	ALL students back to school



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