



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parent/Carer Consultation evenings this week. We had a good turnout and hope that you found the sessions useful to keep you updated on the progress your child has made so far this term.

On 4 November (7.00–8.30pm), Liz McGrath, Senior Parent Support Advisor, will be running a parent workshop in school entitled 'Choices' on supporting appropriate behaviour. Please put this date in your diary! Liz is keen to support parents, and this is one of several workshops we will be running after half term.

I would like to offer Gabrielle Price (Chair of Friends Together) our sincere thanks for all her hard work and determination this year. After such a busy and successful year she has taken the decision to step down from her post as Chair, while continuing to support the committee. Gabrielle was elected as Parent Governor in the Summer term 2009 and she wishes to take more time to commit to this important task. More news to come soon as to a date for the AGM. We will be looking for a new Chair to take on this important role, and further details will follow after half term.

Thank you all for your support this half term we have had a busy time and it has been great to get to know some of you much more this term. Everyone in school has been continuing to work really hard and help the children make the most of their time here to learn well and enjoy their learning.


Have a restful half term holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 2 November!

Mrs Anne Hamilton  
Headteacher

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**'Swine Flu Alert'**  
Please keep alert for symptoms and contact your GP or NHS direct for advice if necessary.



#### The First CtS Parent Forum

Our first 'Open Forum' for parents and carers was held last night and was a really useful time to discuss issues together relating to Behaviour, Special Educational Needs and Safeguarding. Our website will have a copy of the presentations from the evening for parents who were unable to attend to find out more.

A special thank you to Bev Delaney for chairing our first 'Open Forum' and for the parent governors support in getting this new consultative parent group underway. We look forward to much more positive and constructive discussions together in the future. I hope that this will be the start of something really positive for the school and look forward to our next 'Open Forum' in the Spring term.

The **Parent Council** is made up of 2 representatives for each class. This is a consultative and advisory group which will highlight issues and themes that are important to parents and work with Staff and Governors on particular topics and policies brought to them by the school. It will not discuss individual cases or make decisions but allow parent's to have a voice in the life of the school. We will report back to all parents after each meeting. It was a really good meeting and parent's who attended felt it is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and partner with school on our children's education.

The next meeting for the Parent Council will be: DATE

Did you know that research shows that parents who are engaged with their child's education can help them achieve by 30%! Let's get involved.

*Important  
DATE!*

## ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MILTON KEYNES - SEPTEMBER 2009

IF YOUR CHILD IS DUE TO TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2010 AND YOU HAVEN'T YET MADE YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS IS:

**5PM ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2009**

THIS IS THE FIRST MONDAY THAT WE ARE BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY. IF YOU HAVEN'T APPLIED YET, DON'T DELAY AND GET THAT APPLICATION DONE!

*Reminder!*

### GRANDPARENTS IN SCHOOL DAY!

We are planning a 'Grandparents in School Day' for Wednesday 25 November, so put it in your diaries now! More details will follow after half term.



### POPPY APPEAL 2009

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has been launched for 2009, and we will have poppies available for sale in school after the half term break.

### SCHOOL MEALS - ORDER FORMS

Please remember that completed forms must be sent in a sealed envelope marked with "Meal Order" and with your child's name and class on the outside. These need to be in the school office by 9am on Wednesday mornings to enable meals to be ordered for the following week. This is a strict deadline, and we cannot put orders through after this time, as Cygnet Catering will not accept them.



### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

May we remind parents that if you are entitled to have Free School Meals, you still need to fill in a menu choice for each week—the meals are NOT automatically ordered for you!

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with these points.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Monday 2 November	ALL students back to school
Wednesday 4 November	Parent Workshop - "Choices" 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 6 November	Teasel Class Collective Worship - 9.00am
Saturday 7 November	Christmas Craft Fair 10am to 1pm
Friday 13 November	Mustard Class Collective Worship - 9.00am
Friday 20 November	Clover Class Collective Worship - 9.00am
Wednesday 25 November	Grandparents in School Day
Friday 27 November	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Friday 4 December	Rosehip Class Collective Worship 0 9.00am



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