

Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

MK Springers Challenge Afternoon

Three of our year 3 children were invited to MK Springers last Friday afternoon. They began with a warm up of jumps and stretches. All children then joined in with an assault course, problem solving challenges, tumble class and finally a vault course. Everyone attempted all the activities and had fun!

School Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Tuesday 15th October, please make sure everyone is in school uniform. Thank you.

Early Reading and Pure Sounds

At school, children are taught to pronounce each letter with a very 'pure' sound – for example, the letter 'p' is pronounced with a popping sound, as just 'p', not 'puh', 's' is pronounced like a hiss, not 'suh' and 'm' is pronounced mmmmmm not 'muh'. It is very important not to add an 'uh' to the end of sounds. This really helps children to blend sounds together to read words. It's worth learning how to pronounce the letters in the way we teach our children at school.



The link below to the youtube site plays a video which shows the importance of pronouncing sounds correctly – using **pure sounds**, absolutely no 'uh' added to the end of them!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J2Ddf_0Om8

Flu

Please talk to your children about infections being spread by germs from coughs and sneezes, which can live on hands and surfaces for up to 24 hours. To reduce the risk of spreading the flu, please use tissues to trap the germs when you cough or sneeze, wash your hands often with warm water and soap, and bin used tissues as quickly as possible, Remember to: Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

Beauty and the Beast.

Year 6 will be visiting Ousedale school on Monday 21st October to watch the school production of Beauty and the Beast. All children will need a packed lunch for this day, as we will be eating our lunch at Ousedale school, and a waterproof coat. We will be back by the end of the normal school day. Please inform your child's teacher if you do not wish your child to attend.

Science topic – Year 6

Year 6 have been focusing on the human circulatory system as part of their science topic, over the next few weeks we are hoping to show the children an animal heart and lungs. Please let your child's class teacher know if you do not want them to participate in this activity.

Parent Consultations – Monday 21st October & Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to school by **Wednesday 16th October**. Please state your first, second and third choice of time and day. Once you have returned the slip the teacher will complete part B with your actual appointment time and return it to you via your child. We will make every effort to co-ordinate appointments with siblings. As you can imagine, it is not always possible to give everyone their first choice of appointment time. We operate on a first come, first served basis but do find that some bands are very popular, therefore making it impossible to allocate first choices to everyone. We will do our best!

Starting school for the first time in September 2020

For children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, who will be starting school, you can now apply for your child's place. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. For further information please visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Harvest

The children enjoyed a lovely harvest festival this morning with a visitor from the Food Bank. Thank you so much for all your donations. The Food Bank will be collecting all the food on Monday to share with families in need.

Cake Sale

Don't forget the Friends Association cake sale takes place on Monday after school. Donations of cakes from Foundation and Year 1 will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Claire

Miss Claire Britnell
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your calendar (these dates may be subject to change and additions)

Date	Year Group	Visit/Event
14.10.19	Foundation and Year 1	Please donate cakes for the cake stall.
15.10.19	Whole School	Individual School Photographs
16.10.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
18.10.19	3	Chiltern Open Air Museum for Stone Age day.
19.10.19		Cross Country
21.10.19	Whole School	Bag to school will go home during this week (date to be confirmed)
21.10.19	3	Open Classroom at 2:40pm (Parents Welcome)
21.10.19	Whole School	Parents Evening
23.10.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
23.10.19	Whole School	Parents Evening
24.10.19	Whole School	School closes at end of session
25.10.19	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
31.10.19	6	Closing date for secondary school applications.
04.11.19	Whole School	School reopens
04.11.19	Whole School	Last day for Flu vaccination forms to be returned.
05.11.19	Whole School	Bag to School will be collected.
06.11.19	Whole School	Disco
08.11.19	Whole School	Non Uniform – sweet donations for school fayre
11.11.19	Whole School	Diversity Week
15.11.19	Whole School	BBC Children in Need (wear spots and stripes, £1 donation please)
18.11.19	4	Ancient Egyptian Day – Portals from the past
19.11.19	Whole School	Flu vaccinations
21.11.19	3/4	Basketball at Ousedale (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
21.11.19	6	Badminton at Radcliffe (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
29.11.19	Whole School	Non Uniform – bottles to be donated for school fayre
30.11.19	KS1 and KS2 Choir	Choir singing at the church - 3:30 – 4:30pm Lights switched on at 5pm
02.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Post Box arrives
02.12.19	2	Living History Visitor in school
06.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Fayre
09.12.19	Whole School	Foundation Stage dress rehearsal to perform for the whole school
10.12.19	Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 10am (Parents Welcome)
10.12.19	KS2	Visit to the pantomime at 12pm
11.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Lunch (order by Thursday 5 th December)
12.12.19	Choir	Singing at Kings Arms pub
13.12.19	Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 1:30pm (Parents Welcome)
16.12.19	KS1	KS1 dress rehearsal to perform for the whole school
17.12.19	KS1	KS1 Christmas performance at 9:30am (Parents Welcome)
17.12.19	6	Bowling (2pm – 4pm to be collected from Hollywood Bowl)
18.12.19	KS1	KS1 Christmas performance at 1:30pm (Parents Welcome)
19.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Carol Concert at Church (am)
19.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Parties (pm)
20.12.19	Whole School	Christmas jumper day
20.12.19	Whole School	School closes at end of session
06.01.20	Whole School	School opens
15.01.19	Sept 2020 starters	Applications for children starting school for the first in September 2020 need to be completed online
10.02.20	4 (group 1)	Residential group 1 leaves for Everdon
12.02.20	4 (group 1)	Residential group 1 returns from Everdon
12.02.20	4 (group 2)	Residential group 2 leaves for Everdon
14.02.20	4 (group 2)	Residential group 2 returns from Everdon
14.02.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
24.02.20	Whole School	School opens
03.04.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.04.20	Whole School	School opens
08.05.20	Whole School	May Bank Holiday
22.05.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
01.06.20	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
02.06.20	Whole School	School opens

22.06.20	5	Residential visit to Oakwood leaves
26.06.20	5	Residential visit returns from Oakwood
13.07.20	6	Residential visit to Caldecotte leaves
17.07.20	6	Residential visit returns from Caldecotte
17.07.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.07.20	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

PART A (FOR PARENT TO COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)

***Please tick 3 sessions that you are able to attend ***

Monday 21 st October 2019	3.30 – 4.15	4.15 – 5.00		5.45 – 6.45	6.45 – 7.20
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Wednesday 23 rd October 2019	3.10 – 4.30	4.30 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.15	6.15 – 6.50
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Child's Name

Class

Name and class of other children at Tickford Park

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PART B (FOR THE TEACHER TO COMPLETE AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD)

Child's Name

Class

An appointment has been made for you on at