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## Weekly Newsletter No. 1

8th September 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new term. A warm welcome to all children joining the school, your teachers are looking forward to working with you.

During the summer term we undertook a review of maths homework including a survey of parents' views. As a result of the review we are changing the arrangements for maths homework for years 1-6. We believe children will be supported more effectively in their homework for the new mastery curriculum by the use of work books. Next week's parents' curriculum evening on **Wednesday 14th September at 7pm**, will provide details of the principles and approach of our new homework system.

Please remember to return your child's summer challenge by the end of school tomorrow.

Please find attached a draft calendar of the main events for the school year. It provides an important guide, but please remember there may be changes on occasions because of staff availability and weather. Updates will be provided in the weekly newsletter.

We are working with the NSPCC this term and a letter is attached with details of assemblies and workshops.

Further to the success of three of our children reaching the final of the Niddfest poetry competition last term, they attended the prize giving event in August and Aminah Vaseem came third and was praised by the Poet Laureate for the excellent way in which she read out her poem.

Attachments to this week's letter: **Events calendar 2016-2017; Term dates 2016-2017; Autumn term menu; letter about NSPCC assemblies & workshops**. Letters were sent home yesterday to years 3,4,5 & 6 about **swimming** and years R, 1 & 2 about a new **baking club**, spare letters available from the office.

Yours faithfully, Mr D Parker

### CLUBS UNTIL HALF TERM (Teacher led, no charge)

**GARDENING CLUB**—years 1 & 2, Tuesday lunchtime from 20th Sept with Miss Fox

**BAKING CLUB**—years R, 1 & 2, Tuesdays after school from 20th September, booking essential, see separate letter

**FOOTBALL CLUB**—years 3,4,5 & 6, Tuesdays after school until 4.15pm from 13th September with Miss Thwaites

**ALL YEAR ROUND CLUBS** (Please pay on Parent Pay, no need to book)

**BREAKFAST CLUB**—Years reception to year 6 from 8am, breakfast provided, £2 per child

**CEDAR CLUB**—Reception to year 6, Mon, Tue, Wed until 5.30pm in Cedar Hall, £3 until 4.30pm, £4 until 5pm, £6 until 5.30pm

**THURSDAY SPORTS CLUB**—Reception to year 6, Thursday until 5pm with Mr Finch, £4 per child

### PTA NEWS : PTA AGM Thursday

**15th September, Askwith**

**Arms, 7.30pm, all welcome.** All

3 positions on the committee are up for election, if you are interested please contact Kerry (chair on 07943 789400) or Caroline (secretary on 07766 510092) or Julian (treasurer on 07881 581261) All 3 positions could be shared, many hands make light work!