



26th October 2018

Dear Parents,

We are already half way through the half term break. We hope you are all enjoying the holiday and that the unpredictable UK weather does not spoil any of your holiday plans.

The children and staff are well settled back in to the school routine and we are looking forward to all the exciting events we have planned for the coming weeks.

Dates for your Diaries

Parents have asked us where possible to give more notice of the meetings and events we hold. We have therefore looked at the calendar for the rest of this academic year and we have placed as many of the meetings and plays / concerts / performances as we can. [Please click here for the Dates for your Diary for the rest of the academic year up to July 2019.](#)

Parents Evenings for Nursery - Year 5 parents - Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th November.

Please contact the office for your appointment. There will be no after school clubs available on either date but After School Care will be available as normal.

Phonics & Maths information evening - Wednesday 28th November 6.15 pm for a 6.30 pm start.

The evening will start with the phonics session and this will be followed immediately by the maths session.

The Phonics session is aimed at parents of pupils in KS1 but parents of pupils in KS2 are also welcome to join us. At this session we will explain how we use phonics when teaching children to read and spell, demonstrate the phonics teaching strategies we use in school and suggest how to use these strategies to help your child at home.

The maths session will be aimed at both KS1 & KS2 pupils' parents. During this session, we will introduce **Inspire Maths**, discuss the research and evidence behind it and demonstrate how maths is taught at Snaresbrook. We will explain the concrete, pictorial, abstract method as well as how you can support your child's learning at home.

We hope to see many of you at this information meeting but if you have any questions regarding the content of these meetings, please catch any of the class teachers after school or add a note to the communication diary.

Flu Vaccinations are being offered in school on Wednesday 28th November for children in Reception - Year 5. After the half term break, parents will receive permission forms from Vaccination UK on behalf of NHS. The vaccination will only be given to pupils for whom we have received a signed permission slip. If you are unsure as to whether you wish your child to have the flu vaccination, please talk to your local pharmacist or GP for more information.

Christmas Crafts Day for Years 1 & 2 - Tuesday 4th December 9 am - 10 am or 10.30 am - 11.30 am. Parents are asked to contact the office to book a slot - Thank you.

Break up for the Christmas holidays - Friday 14th December at the normal end of day time for your child's class. There will be no After School Care available.

After School Care and Breakfast Club

With effect from 25th February 2019, there will be changes to the charges for Breakfast and After School Care.

The changes are being implemented to reflect the increase in staffing costs.

The charge for Breakfast Club will be £5 per session. Breakfast will be included in the cost and is optional.

Breakfast Club operates between 7.50 am - 8.30 am. The children should be brought to the front door at the Year 1 - Year 6 entrance by their parents / carers to ensure they are signed in. There is no need to book in advance.

After School Care operates from the end of day until 6.15 pm with a sandwich tea being served at approximately 4.30 pm. The new charges will be as follows -

3.30 pm — 4.15 pm	£ 5.00
4.15 pm — 6.15 pm	£ 9.00
3.30 pm — 6.15 pm	£ 14.00

After School Care does not need to be booked in advance. Although it is always beneficial for the children to know in advance if they are staying at After School Care at the end of the day, parents also have the flexibility to call the office and book at the last minute if needed.

Scooters

After the summer break, 2 scooters appeared on the forecourt. These have still not been claimed and they have been in the office ever since!

If you think your child may have brought their scooter to school during the first week of term but has not brought it home again, please pop in to the office.

Uniform

There have been several items of named uniform which have gone missing this term and despite the efforts of several members of staff have not been found in school. We also have 8 unnamed jumpers and 2 unnamed coats which we have not been able to reunite with their owners.

During the break, could we please ask you to thoroughly check your child's uniform items. If you have any with the wrong name in them, could you please let either the owner or the office staff know. Similarly, if you have any unnamed items missing, please come in to the office after 5th November to look through our unnamed items box.

Extra Curricular Clubs

As you are aware, some of the clubs offered to the children start or finish at the half term break. [Please click here to check the list to check which clubs are available for your child in the run up to the Christmas break.](#)

Tuck

Just a reminder that the children are welcome to bring in tuck if they would like which they can eat at playtime. Fruit, vegetables or cheese are allowed and we ask that this comes to school in a small, named plastic container rather than a throw away plastic bag.

We do not allow nuts in school in any form, so please help us by ensuring that your child does not have these in their tuck box. Thank you for your help.

We hope you all have a restful last week of the holiday and look forward to seeing you at normal start time on Monday 5th November.

Best wishes

Ralph Dalton
Head