

Peppard CE Primary School

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Creating a Love of Learning

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Start of the school day

The gates open at 8.30am with staff on duty on the playground. All parents may leave their children at this point if they wish. Children in Greys, Highmoor and Springwood are then expected to independently go into their cloakroom to put their belongings away and return to the playground.

When the whistle is blown at 8.55am, children are expected to walk into their classroom ready for registration.

A number of people have expressed concerns with the overcrowding in the Peppard/Greys corridor at this time. Can I ask that unless your child is in Peppard that you leave your child to come into the school building independently.

We do still operate an open door policy. If you need to see your child's teacher, they are available from 8.30am to 8.50am or after 3.30pm I hope that this clarifies the situation.

Harvest Festival reminder – Our Harvest Church Service is on Wednesday at 9.15am, all parents are welcome to join us. We will be collecting: tinned foods, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, canned soups, rice etc as well as fresh produce and also mens (new) pants and socks.

Meet the Teacher Meetings – in these meetings teachers will set expectations for the coming year as well as giving you information on the curriculum. No appointments are necessary.

Individual Parent Interviews are being held on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October, these are 10 minute slots to speak to the class teacher about your child's progress.

SumDog The children in Greys, Highmoor and Springwood have received their logins for Sumdog, which is a maths website used in and out of school time. The games are designed to be fun. They test children's knowledge and skill in all areas of maths. The software is intuitive and will increase or decrease the level of difficulty of question depending on the answers given. With this in mind, please allow your child time to play independently of your help. Parental assistance with answering questions will make subsequent questions more difficult for your child and produce inaccurate data that teachers look at to inform their planning. I know that this may sound strange, as we normally appreciate your support with homework by getting involved but on this occasion it's better to leave them to work it out themselves!

Go Kids One Mile Challenge – this event is on 8th October and will be held on The Borlase Field, near Henley Rugby Club. It is in association with the Henley Half & 10k races, aimed to be a more manageable and fun event for all ages and abilities. It follows the same course as our Go Kids Henley Youth Festival Run which you may be familiar with. Entries can be made using the following link: <https://www.fullonsport.com/event/gokidshenley/profile>

FOPS UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who attended the FOPS AGM on Monday. It was great to see new faces and lots of support. We look forward to another year of fund raising and support for our children and their School. We shall send further details shortly but for the moment, we are highlighting two upcoming events:

Thursday 5th October: Mums at the Pub - 7.30 @ Maltsters - to catch up with old friends and meet the new mums.

Thursday 19th October: Lantern Evening - 5.30 @ School - Squirmy, gooey, pumpkin loving fun for the kids; and a BBQ (and bar for the adults).

Diary for week commencing 2nd October

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Before School			8am Running		
AM	9am & 3.40pm Meet the Teacher (Mrs Hawkins) Springwood to Living Rainforest	9am & 3.40pm Meet the Teacher (Ms Kyle) Henley Literary Events for Years 1/2/3/4 Gillotts Open Day	3.40pm Meet the Teacher (Miss Tillotson) 9.15am Harvest Church Service Gym - Highmoor	9am Meet the Teacher (Miss Tillotson) Henley Literary Events for Years 5/6 NO Swimming	AM Year 1 to library
Midday		Spanish Club	Violin		
PM					
After school	Karate KS1 Multiskills KS2 Football	Art (full) Minecraft	Choir Langtree Open Eve	Netball	Dance KS1 Football KS2 Tag Rugby

Dates for Diaries (additions in red)

Tuesday 3rd Oct – Years 1/2/3/4 to Henley Literary Festival Events

Weds 4th Oct - 9.15am Harvest Festival Church Service – All parents welcome

Thursday 5th Oct – Year 5/6 to Henley Literary Festival event

Friday 24th Nov – Mufti Day for FOPS items

Wednesday 13th Dec – School Christmas Lunch

Thames Valley Gym - Wednesdays – Highmoor

Swimming – Thursdays - Springwood

Term Dates 2017/18 (on website)

Term 1: 5th Sept – 19th Dec

Half term 23rd Oct – 27th Oct

INSET days: 4th Sept and 30th October

Term 2: 4th Jan 18 – 28th Mar 18

Half term 12th Feb – 16th Feb

INSET Day: 29th March 2018

Term 3: 16th April 18 – 25th July 18

Half term: 28th May – 1st June

INSET days: 4th/5th June