



Uniform and PE kit

Many of the staff commented on how smart the children were looking in their uniforms this week—thank you. As it is the start of the year, please do label your children's items with something permanent, especially their jumpers and coats which so often go missing. Please also remember that children's footwear should be supportive enough that they can do lots of running around at playtimes. We all believe in getting children outside for fresh air as much as possible during breaktimes, even if the weather is a little downcast. This is much easier if all children have brought with them coats for the changeable weather which we have seen this week.

If you have outgrown uniform in good condition, please consider donating to the PTSA for our uniform sales.

You will see below days for PE. We are very happy for PE kits, especially in the younger years, to be kept in school over a few weeks. This minimises the amount of work the office have to do in contacting families who have forgotten kit. We do keep some spare uniform for children who have forgotten it. PE is a key part of the curriculum and therefore all children must be taking part. If for some reason you do not want your child taking part in sports (such as a recent injury), we would appreciate you writing a note for the teacher rather than passing a message through the child. We are happy for older children in Year 6 to purchase the new secondary school PE kit from our suppliers as this may help save costs for next year if your child will be moving up there. See Donna for details.

PE days

Monday—Reception and Year 1 Gymnastics

Tuesday—Year 2 and Year 5

Wednesday—Year 1 and Year 3

Thursday—Year 4 and Year 6

Next week, for one week only, **Year 2** will have gymnastics on Monday

Welcome back! The new term has got off to a flying start and all the staff were delighted to welcome back the pupils and families on Wednesday and to see the first group of new Reception class children. Classes have settled in well and there is a real sense of purpose in the school. As always, please do bring any concerns or questions you may have to the attention of teachers, teaching assistants, myself or Mr Standing.

Ms Luzmore

In this **week's assemblies**, Rev April spoke to the school about how God always welcomes new beginnings. We spelt out the word September and thought of all different words beginning with those letters which represent our new beginnings.

Please update the school office with any changes in **contact details** that have happened over the summer. We must be able to reach you in an emergency.

Clubs

Look out for club letters which will go out next Friday. Clubs will start the week of 25 September. If there are any parents or family members who would like to run a club or support running one, please contact Donna or Mr Standing.

Swimming

Reminder: swimming for **Year 5** and **Year 4** will start next Wednesday.

PTSA Welcome Barbeque

Thursday 21 September we will hold our annual barbecue to celebrate the return to school for years 1 to 6 and to welcome the new Reception children and their families. All are welcome. Vouchers will be given to Reception class children. If anyone can help on the day, please let Donna know.

Big Community Art Project 2017—Photography

As mentioned at the end of last term, there is a whole Academy photography competition. Details below!

Closing Date: Entries must be submitted by Friday 22 September

Entries: Enter only **one** photograph; Black and white or colour; Take your picture with a camera or use the camera on another electronic device

Submission: You can either bring in a print in an envelope with your name and year group (year in September 2017) written clearly on it and give it to either the Primary or Secondary Reception or you can email your picture to photo@smmacademy.org clearly stating your name and year group (year in September 2017).

Mathletics is a fun, interactive resource which can improve children's mathematical knowledge and skills, and we are lucky to be continuing Mathletics at SMMA this year! It is an award-winning interactive site that aims to improve pupils' maths skills through engaging activities, linked to the National Curriculum. Each child, from Year 1 to Year 6, has their own username for the maths website. Your child's teacher will send their individual username and password home next week. The log in details you will receive can be used to access Mathletics from any computer. Last year, many children were regularly choosing to use Mathletics during their free time, enjoying the competition with their friends as well as children from across the world. During our celebration assembly, we will announce the class and the individual who has gained the most points! Your child may also be set a Mathletics task for homework.

Miss Eastlake

'Meet the teacher'

At SMMA, we believe that a strong partnership with home is crucial to your child's success. So at the start of a new school year, there is a chance to come along after school to meet their child's new teacher. For Year 1 – 6 classes, these short meetings (**dates below**) will take place at **3.40pm** in the classrooms and will be an opportunity for staff to introduce themselves, talk about the curriculum for the year, share the expected outcomes for pupils and how you can support at home. A crèche for school age children will be available in another classroom. We understand that it may not be possible for all families to attend at that time, but will endeavour to make the information for those who couldn't make the meeting.

Dates for your diary

September

Wed 13 —Year 6 'Meet the teacher' —3.40pm
Thur 14 — Year 5 'Meet the teacher' —3.40pm
Fri 15 —Year 2 Meet the teacher— 3.40pm
Tues 19 —Year 1 Meet the teacher— 3.40pm
Wed 20 —Year 4 Meet the teacher—3.40pm
Thur 21 —PTSA Welcome BBQ after school
Fri 22 — Year 3 Meet the teacher— 3.40pm
Fri 22 —Jeans for Genes day
Mon 25 —Reception class 'Meet the teacher' - 9am

October

Fri 13 — Individual pupil photos
Tues 17 and Wed 18 — Parents evening
Thur 19 October — Last day of half term for pupils
Fri 20 October — INSET day

As we book in and confirm dates we continue to add them to the newsletter with as much advance warning as possible. Please make a note of them at home and look out for any changes.

Staff list

Reception Teacher: Miss Nagra
TAs: Sandra Bull, Maria Ronchetti

Year 1 Teacher: Miss Melgarejo
TA: Michelle Bolden

Year 2 Teacher: Miss Eastlake
TAs: Emma Kyriacou, Davina Browne

Year 3 Teacher: Miss Ing
TA: Sandra Telfer

Year 4 Teacher: Ms O'Reilly
TA: Chris Sime

Year 5 Teacher: Mr Berridge
TA: Linda Vaso

Year 6 Teacher: Mr Spencer
TA: Lynn Woods