



PARK WOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION
HEADTEACHERS NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2016



PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND ASSESSMENT

Information has now gone out to Parents about the upcoming Autumn Parent Consultation. We hope they will provide parents and teachers with a chance to discuss each pupils learning and progress.

I would like to remind parents that teachers will be letting you know whether your child is on track to be expected or working at a greater depth, by the end of the school year. Assessment is very similar to saving, except the children are saving up knowledge and skills and our aim is that they are working towards saving up enough each term so that at the end of the year they have reached their targets and maybe putting some knowledge and skills towards the following year as well. Teachers will be able to discuss the areas of each subject that the children have found a challenge and also the areas which they have shown confidence in. We hope you find the meetings helpful.

GETTING CLOSER

The building work to join the Infant and Junior parts of the school is really coming along and is starting to look great. We hope that it will be helpful to parents to have a single office to go to, for children and staff to be able to get from one part of the school to another and for the teaching and learning to free up so many other parts of the school to be used to help the children. We anticipate that by Christmas the work will be complete and that we will be able to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school with a fantastic link between the buildings. I thank the whole community for their patience and support during the process.

PARKING

A reminder to parents that parking in a dangerous way around the school, is not helpful and puts pedestrians, including the children at risk. Parking on double yellow lines, on curbs or blocking Wyvill Close often causes serious issues for people using the pavements and forces children, local residents and people with pushchairs out into the road. Please could I ask parents to be sensible and walk a little further rather than park closer and put other people, especially the children, at risk.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor Learning is now a regular feature in the school and the lessons are going very well, with some great feedback from the children. If you have, or know of relatives who have, skills and knowledge which could assist outdoor education, please contact Mrs Hardy at the school.

TEACHERS IN TRAINING

We are very pleased to welcome our new Training Teachers from Canterbury Christ Church University to the school. The group seem extremely positive and have really hit the ground running. Our links to Christ church are very important to the school and we have been lucky enough to have had several excellent Teachers become full time members of staff, having been through training at Park Wood. I would like to thank Miss Parsons for all she does to support our Training Teachers and those who mentor them.

MATHS NO PROBLEM

I would like to extend a really big thank you to all those parents who attended the recent Singapore Maths information event. It was a great success and we had fantastic feedback.

WINTER APPROACHES

Could I remind parents and pupils that as the weather begins to get colder, all children come to school ready and prepared with suitable clothing, coats, hats and gloves etc., as well as sensible shoes which will allow them to carry on being outside as often as is possible. It is really important that the children continue to exercise and play outside during the winter months.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy and relaxing half term break.

DIARY DATES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

21 Oct	Last day of Term
31 Oct	Term 2 – Children back to School
	Foundation Stage children stay all day – finish at 3.20pm

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