

Dear Parents

Teacher unions announce dates for rolling strike action

Two of the teacher's unions, the NUT and NASUWT have announced dates for regional rolling strike action in England that will take place in October.

On 17th October, 2013 South West government regions which includes Gloucestershire will be affected by strike action.

We understand that this has significant implications for families and therefore we shall inform you of any implications for closure whether partial or whole school as soon as we can.

S J Porter Headteacher



Please start collecting the Morrison's Let's Grow tokens. We have a box in reception or give them to your child to bring in to their teacher. The tokens are used to purchase gardening items for use in the kitchen garden. Nearly all the equipment we have has come from this initiative. Last year we collected nearly 6,000 tokens! Thank you. Mr Seeley

LECKHAMPTON SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP — Would you like to join with us as we pray for the life of our school? A group of us meet together half-termly in the Parents' Room just after the morning bell has rung, from 8.45 — 9.30am. It's a wonderful opportunity to take 45 mins at the beginning of the day for prayer and reflection — coffee and biscuits are served and a warm welcome awaits! Please look out for details of our next meeting in the Bulletin.

Balcarras School Cookery Course for Year 5 and 6 pupils

The after school cookery course will be running again this year. This is open to Year 5 and 6 pupils attending a number of junior schools in the area.

The course takes place on Tuesday evenings at Balcarras School from 4.00pm until 5.30pm and runs for seven weeks. Pupils must attend with an adult who is expected to stay and help them during the session.

The cost for the seven week activity will be £35.00 to cover the cost of the ingredients, all of which will be supplied each week. Please do not send any money until you have been notified that you have a place on the course.

The courses tend to be very popular so if you are unsuccessful in gaining a place on the next course, your name will be added to a subsequent course. You will be notified when you have a place. The courses run throughout the year.

Should you wish to participate in this course please contact me by email initially and I will send a form to you for completion. I can be contacted at jcb@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Brunt

School Photographs

It has been necessary to reschedule the photographer's visit. This will now take place on 15th November 2013.

We are aware that this is the Children in Need Day but we will be holding a non uniform day on 14th November 2013 instead. More information will be sent home nearer to the time.

School Lunches

If you know that your child is going to be late into school and will require a hot lunch, it would be really helpful if you could either arrange to order it the day before or phone the office before 10 a.m. please. This will help us to reduce the amount of late orders, thank you.

Mrs Evans

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Breakfast Club

There have been a couple of near miss incidents in the school car park with parents who are dropping children off early in the morning to Breakfast Club. Staff are arriving at school from 7.30 a.m. onwards and we would ask that you take great care when driving in and out of the school car park at this time of day. Ideally we would ask that you park in Hall Road where possible for dropping off, thank you.

Miss Porter

Parent Governor Election

I am pleased to report that following the recent election the following parents have been elected to the Governing Body:-

Mr Beardsmore Mrs Ephgrave Mrs Johnson Mrs Peyman

I should like to thank everyone who stood in the election for their interest in the Governance of our school.

Miss Porter

Help

If you are sending cheques into school Lloyds Bank have asked that they are not stapled or sellotaped as this interferes with their processing system – the cheques will not feed through the automatic reader causing issues. Thank you,

Mrs Smith

Leckhampton After School Club New Opportunities and Activities

New Phone contact details: 07508 856441

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to announce a change in the after school club at Leckhampton Primary School.

I am Geraldine and I will be running the after school club on behalf of new owners Calgary Play. For now everything will be running as usual but over the next couple of months and the coming year we are going to make some exciting changes.

- We are going to try to expand and help some of those who have been waiting for a place.
- We believe in the power of free play in supporting child development and will be planning a number of ways for children to enjoy their time with us even more than they do now.
- Food is important and we are going to undertake a healthy eating and cooking evening making simple but good things
- Long term we are interested in a summer and holiday club to support you and your children during times when the school is closed.

We hope that you and your children will enjoy these exciting changes and get the most from your after school club. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your child and their needs then please do ask any staff and we will be very happy to help in any way that we can.

Personally I am very excited to be working on behalf of the club, you and your children and I hope to make what is already a successful club even more enjoyable and rewarding.

Yours

Geraldine Davis