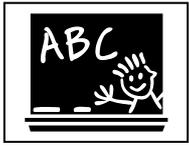


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Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

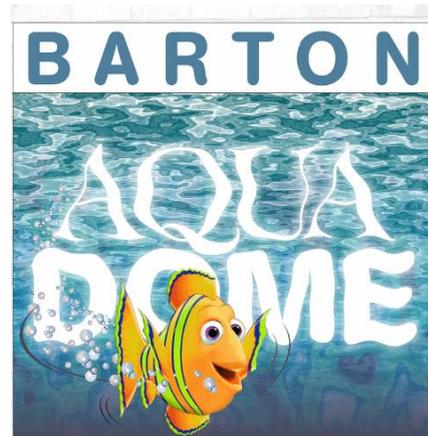
6th February 2015

Headlice

We have an outbreak of headlice in school. Please could parents check their child's hair and treat if necessary. Just a reminder that long hair should be tied up at all times too please.

Jewellery

In the past we have encouraged children who have pierced ears to remove their earrings for PE and swimming and if this is not possible we have allowed them to put tape over earrings. Due to changes in the Sports safety guidelines that schools are bound by, the taping of earrings is no longer acceptable. Governors have discussed this and taken the decision that children **must remove** earrings themselves before they participate in sporting activities (including swimming). If they are unable to do this, then they should not wear earrings to school on days where they have sporting activities. The only earrings permitted for wearing at school are small round stud earrings. Children are allowed to wear a watch but must also remove this for all sporting activities. Children are responsible for the safe storage of their own earrings, an old film pot or small plastic box is ideal. The school accepts no responsibility for loss of any items of jewellery.



February Half term Swimming

Do make use of our super facility during the half term holiday.

The pool will be open for Public sessions and Under 5s sessions.

Under 5s - Monday or Thursday - 9:00 - 10:00
£2 with 1 child, £2.50 with 2.

Public Sessions - Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri -
10:30 - 12:00 - £1.50 per session

Maximum 35 people in the pool at one time.

Swimming hats must be worn.

Children under 8 years old must be accompanied in the water by an adult.

Under 3 years old need one adult per child.

Parent Consultations

You should have received confirmation this week of your consultation appointment for after half term. If you have not received it please ask your child to check with their teacher.

Y5 Absence

Parents in Y5 will have no doubt heard that we have had a bit of absence in Y5 with Miss Bordoli and Miss Marshall over the last fortnight. Thankfully they haven't both been out at the same time and Mrs Haywood has maintained consistency. The absence has been covered by Mrs Critchley and Mrs Griffiths. We hope to be back to full strength by Monday.

Accidents and injuries

As I'm sure parents can imagine, we have a large number of accidents and injuries in school.

Some of these are more serious and result in first aid treatment being required; others are much more minor and take very little treatment.

The vast majority of our accidents are caused by slips, trips and falls on the playground, particularly around playing sports.

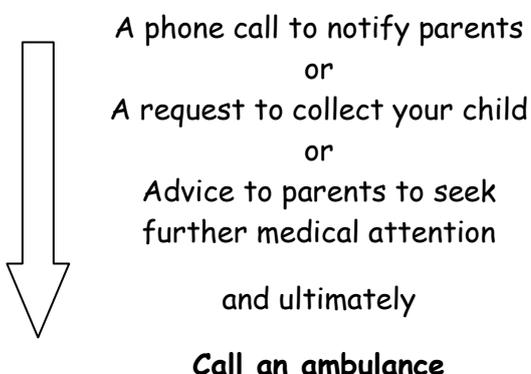
It has been common practice to send home a brightly coloured form if your child has an accident or injury of any description, whether it required treatment or not and whether or not there will need to be any follow up or monitoring.

Following a review of our H&S procedures, we are going to modify this procedure to help give parents a clearer picture about the severity of such accidents and injuries.

After half term we will only be sending notes to parents if your child has any kind of head injury, or if we feel their injury may require and follow up / monitoring / further treatment.

For small bumps, grazes, scratches etc. we will treat these if required, but if no further care is needed then we will not send a form home.

There will be no change to the way in which we escalate / report more serious accidents / incidents through:



If you have any concerns about your child's health or issues you would like school to be aware of, please do speak to a member of staff.

Receive Newsletters by e-mail, or ask a question: questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Diary Dates

<i>Fri 13th Feb</i>	<i>3:30</i>	<i>Break up from school</i>
<i>Mon 23rd Feb</i>	<i>8:50</i>	<i>Back to school</i>
<i>Mon 23rd & Tues 24th Feb</i>	<i>4:00 – 7:00</i>	<i>Parent Consultations</i>
<i>Wed 25th Feb</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>School Photographs</i>
<i>Mon 9th Mar</i>	<i>3:30</i>	<i>Parent Workshop - Literacy</i>
<i>Mon 16th Mar – Fri 20th Mar</i>		<i>Y5 Chasewater Residential</i>
<i>Thurs 2nd Apr</i>	<i>3:30</i>	<i>Break up for Easter</i>

Further information about specific events will follow closer to the time.

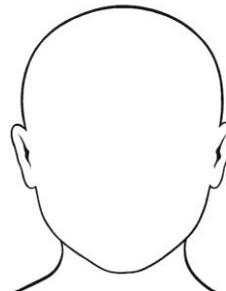
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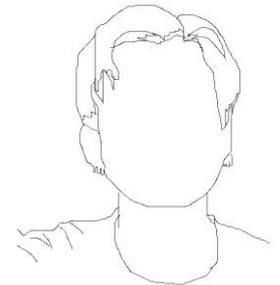
Chair



Vice-chair



Treasurer



Secretary

We have four people who would like to step down from these roles who have a wealth of knowledge and experience that they would be more than happy to pass on.

We also have phenomenal support from our parents for the whole range of events that we run.

If you think you have a little bit of spare time and would be willing to step up to one of the roles, we can assure you great support from the current post holders, the school and the parental body.

*Best wishes,
Mrs Sharpe*