



Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 6 – Wednesday 16th October 2024

Yesterday morning we completed a fire drill to introduce the children to the new procedures. This involves lining up altogether on the field. The children were very sensible and we vacated the school in record time. One thing to note though is that for children in KS2 who wear indoor shoes (KS1 have wellies for outside) there is a potential to get soggy feet - so please do ensure that your child has indoor shoes that have a waterproof sole.

Once again, all school photos were taken on Friday. It is always quite a challenge for the office staff to organise all the different configurations of photos, but as ever it went very smoothly and you will no doubt be able to have a look at them.

Years 1 and 2 are now enjoying sessions with Premier Sports coaches as their teachers have spiral chats with individuals to find out what children are enjoying learning and talk about their next steps.

Sarah Stepney

Change to Morning Gate Times After Half Term

Since the time of Covid children have come onto the playground independently in the morning, leaving parents/carers at the gate. This has worked really well with children leaving their adults rather than adults leaving the children and creating a far more settled transition into school. The children, as you know, line up and then go into class with their teacher making for a calm and consistent start to each day.

However, with an increasing number of children arriving at 8.30am we do not have sufficient staff to monitor the playgrounds. For this reason, from after half term (Tuesday 5th November) we will be opening both the KS1 and KS2 gates at 8:45am each morning instead of 8:30am. The children can come in, immediately line up and then go directly into class with their teacher.

Whilst we understand that this is a change to routine, we feel that it is the right decision to ensure the children are supervised appropriately. If you do need childcare earlier in the morning information about the breakfast club can be found here: https://mayfieldcambridge.org/?page_id=14440

Harvest Assembly Friday 18th October

This Friday is our Harvest Assembly. The Choir and Ukelele group will be performing some songs and David Maher will be joining us again to talk to the children about Harvest. We will also be singing our school favourite - The Harvest Samba - which we have been praising.

As always, we will be collecting food for the local food bank at the Good Shepherd Church and, if you are able to, please do send your child in with a donation. Pasta, tins, packets, jars - all very welcome. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents to this event because of space restrictions in the Large Hall.

<p>Celebration Cards</p>	<p>We are using Cauliflower Cards for our annual celebration cards again this year. Celebration card artwork will be sent home in the few days, for you to order online should you wish to purchase.</p> <p>Please follow the instructions on the order form, using your unique reference number. Original artwork will then need to be returned to school to be sent off. They will not be able to process your order without it!</p> <p>Orders need to be placed online and artwork returned to school by Tuesday 5th November at the latest. All artwork is being collected from the school on Wednesday 6th November.</p> <p>Please note orders must be placed online at www.shop.cauliflowergroup.co.uk before returning the artwork to us. We are unable to accept cash at the office.</p> <p>The school relies heavily on the commission earned from our celebration card sales, to support art projects throughout the school year.</p>
<p>School Photos</p>	<p>School photos last Friday went smoothly and everyone seemed to have their best smiles with them.</p> <p>Carmel Jane have informed us that the photos will be ready for parents to view online by Friday. We will let you know when we hear anything.</p> <p>Please do ensure you have registered with Carmel Jane for instant access to your child's photos.</p> <p>Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk 2. Enter your unique code : JRJD2662XG 3. Include your child's full school register name.
<p>Request for Plant Pot Donations</p>	<p>We are looking for donations of plastic plant pots or planters with diameters of 25cm or above so that Agnes can use them to create something magical in the Year 1 area. If anyone has any spare please can they bring them to the Office so we can give them to her.</p>
<p>Volunteers to Tidy Science Cupboard</p>	<p>We want to organise our science resources, and request parent volunteers to come and help to do that task. If you are able to help with this please contact Mrs Babouris. Thank you.</p>
<p>Breakfast Club</p>	<p>www.cambridgekidsclub.com</p>

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News from the PTA

Year 6 Bake Sale

Friday 18 October, 3.15 onwards, KSI playground

Join us on the KSI playground after school on Friday for the Year 6 Bake Sale. The Year 6 families will be donating a range of shop-bought and homemade goodies (thank you Y6 families) so come along and enjoy!

Please note the bake sales are cash only, small change preferred.

School Disco to return just after half term

Friday 8th November, Small and Large Halls

Disco outfits at the ready, the School Disco will return Friday 8th November!

There will be three different time slots:

Disco for Reception & Year 1 – 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Disco for Years 2 & 3 – 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Disco for Years 4, 5 & 6 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Please note that all children must be supervised

Tickets cost £2.50 per child (no need to pay for pre-school siblings) and must be purchased on [ParentPay](#)

We need lots of lovely volunteers to help make this event a success, [so please sign up to help](#)

Full information can be found at fundmayfield.com/events

Read all about it...

Want to see what we've been up this half term? From Roman days to toy sales, quizzes to Bags2School, we've had a fun and active start to the year, and helped to raise valuable funds for the school at the same time – find out more at fundmayfield.com/news

Thank you!

Just a quick thank you to everyone who came along to the [Quiz Night](#) last week and to those Mayfield parents who came along to our PTA AGM last night. It feels like a really exciting time on the PTA, with lots of fresh ideas and energy.

Dates for the Diary	
Harvest Festival Donations	Friday 18 th October
Year 6 Bake Sale	Friday 18 th October
Half Term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
INSET Day	Monday 4 th November
Change of Gate Times 8.45am	Tuesday 5 th November
Cauliflower Cards Returned	Tuesday 5 th November
PTA School Disco	Friday 8 th November