

## Welcome Back ...

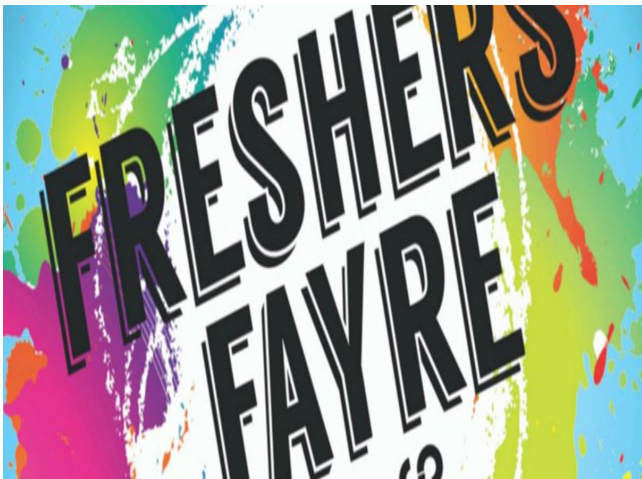
We have had a fabulous start to the new term. Children all settled very quickly, including our new 2 year olds in our Seedlings Nursery Provision. The children seem to have all grown over the summer and all look very smart in their new school uniforms - thank you for your support with this; we really appreciate it. We have welcomed some new children into our school and we are receiving requests for places every day. We are excited about this new school year and can't wait to share it with you all.

Last year was a huge year for our school and saw many changes taking place. We will update you regularly throughout this year with changes we are making and the impact of these. We are working hard every single day to constantly improve our school and raise standards further. You, as parents and carers, play a vital role in that and we look forward to working closely with you again this year.

At the start of each new year, there is always so much information to give you and much of it will be included in this newsletter. But, please make sure you check our Twitter and Facebook feeds for updates on a daily basis. As always, we are more than happy to talk to you at the end of every school day. Myself and Mrs Wagg are usually out and about in the mornings too.

Thank you for your continued support. If you ever have any concerns, please do come and speak to us at the first opportunity.

Vicki Masters (Head Teacher)



CLUBS! CLUBS! AND YET MORE CLUBS!

Freshers' Fayre  
Monday 10th September 2018  
3:15 - 4:00

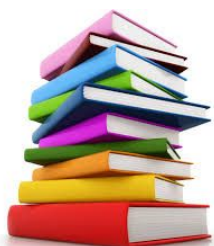
Come along and find out more about our clubs and sign up. Alternatively return the slips (attached) by the end of Tuesday 11th September.

**Have you always wanted to volunteer? Can you spare an hour a week? We have a huge range of roles for volunteers in our school and would love you to be a part of our family. Please contact Mrs Adams (Main Office) if you are interested.**

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**More dates for your diary - coming soon!**



## **GET CAUGHT READING!**

You'll have noticed that we are no longer using Reading Records for you to log your children's reading. Instead, please record (or encourage your child to record) their home reading in their new Homework Book. We will be recording reading in school in our assessment folders. If you wish to discuss your child's reading at any time, please speak to the class teacher.

## *New Staff*

*We're thrilled to introduce a number of new staff members to you all.*



*Charlotte Berry*  
*Y4 teacher*



*Holly Edwards*  
*EYFS teacher*



*Jess Simoes*  
*Y1 teacher*



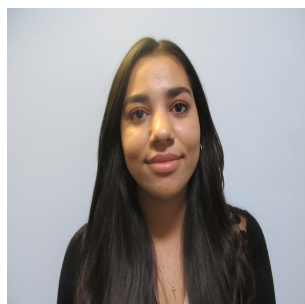
*Molly McNeela*  
*Y6 teacher*



*Elana Stevens*  
*EYFS Assistant*



*Gilly Cox*  
*Specialist Assistant*



*Nancy Pawel*  
*Y1 Apprentice*



*Summer Medlin*  
*Y3 Apprentice*



No days lost	10 days lost	19 days lost	29 days lost -the same as half a term!	38 days lost	47 days lost
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 School days each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start		<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Not fair on your child Possible court action	

Regular attendance at school goes hand in hand with good academic achievement. Your child must attend school for 190 days each year. This is a legal requirement from the age of 5. The only exception to this is when there are legitimate reasons for your child's absence. Not all illnesses need your child to be absent from school, a cold for example, and if you need advice, please ask. Please be assured that if your child is too unwell for school, we will always contact you. Last year, children missed too many school days due to minor illnesses - we'd like your support to help us improve this.

This then leaves 175 non-school days each year. These days are when shopping, holidays, family time, visits and appointments should take place.

**Our whole school attendance last year fell below the national average of all other primary schools. This is not good enough and we are doing everything in our power to improve attendance this year.**

Please be aware that, as communicated to you previously, we will be following Northamptonshire County Council policy and referring any extended periods of unauthorised absence (including term-time holidays) to the Educational Inclusion Partnership Team. This team will consider taking further action and I am reminding you that the outcome of this could be a Penalty Notice, payable directly to the Local Authority.

The penalty notice is £120 per parent/carer for each child. This must be paid within 28 days. If the fine is paid within 21 days, this is reduced to £60 per adult per child.

I realise that the vast majority of parents do not take family holidays in term time as they recognise the significant impact this can have on their child's education. As a parent (and someone who can only take holidays outside of term time), I truly appreciate the difficulties in only being able to travel during school holiday periods. However, when holiday is taken during term time it is very easy, over the course of the year, to slip to unacceptable absence rates. This impacts negatively on your child's education and it is vital that we work together to ensure that all children are in school for the full 190 days each year.

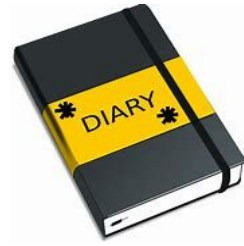
Thank you for your support with this matter.

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We're proud to have been awarded The School Games Gold Award for our commitment to PE, Sport & Physical Activity in our school. We have another exciting year of sports events planned for this year.





# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR

## September:

**Monday 10.09.18:** *New Reception children start school*

**Tuesday 11.09.18:** *Maths Magic Club begins*

**Wednesday 12.09.18:** *Daventry Library visits start*

**Thursday 13.09.18:** *Yr5 - Acer Swimming Lessons commence (letters to follow)*

**Monday 17.09.18:** *Remaining clubs start*

**Friday 21.09.18:** *Usborne Sponsored Read Assembly (children only)*

**Monday 24.09.18:** *Y6 Whipsnade Trip (letters to follow)*

## October:

**Monday 01.10.18:** *Oliver Twist Day (more information to follow)*

**Monday 15.10.18:** *Flu Injections Y5 (forms to follow)*

**Monday 15.10.18:** *Careers Week*

**Tuesday 16.10.18:** *Y6 Restart Heart Day (First Aid Training)*

**Wednesday 17.10.18 & Thursday 18.10.18:** *School Photos*

**Friday 19.10.18** school closes for October Half term

**School REOPENS Monday 29.10.18 9am.**

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