



Reporting and Profiling

We have made big changes to our reporting format this session and would like to ensure that parents are aware of the reasons behind this and the benefits of the new approach. A number of Parents have come forward to help form a working group on this and will meet shortly. There will also be an **Information Evening for Parents on Thursday 9 November** at Midmill School. Please save this date as it would be great to see a good turnout.

Snapshot Jotters

Did you know that your child's Snapshot Jotter forms part of our reporting to parents? It is the expectation that all parents comment on the work which is sent home, however, recent feedback has suggested that some parents do not know what to write or feel embarrassed about writing a comment. We will cover this at the Information Evening in November and give some advice on how to best respond to your child's work, but in the meantime, please be assured that we appreciate all constructive comments on children's work and nothing is too 'silly' to write!

Learning Conversations

Towards the end of Term 1 and after the October holidays, all teachers will be holding Learning Conversations with each individual pupil in their class. This is valuable time where children can discuss their progress and next steps in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

Flu Vaccines

The Flu Vaccines will be administered on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 October. You will receive a slip to tell you that your child has had the vaccine.



Evening Express

A photographer from the Evening Express will be in school today, to take the Primary 1 photos. We always enjoy seeing the First Class section of this local newspaper so keep an eye out for us over the coming weeks!

Learning Café

P3M and P4T will be holding a Learning Café next Friday, 13 October, 10 – 11am. This is a great opportunity for you to see some of the learning which has taken place over the past term while enjoying a coffee and cake! All parents and members of the community are welcome.



Donations

It is approaching the time of year when we have lots of children with coughs and colds. Therefore, the class teachers would greatly appreciate donations of tissues to see them through the winter months. Please pop a box in with your child if you are happy to.

In addition to this, our younger pupils often have 'accidents' in school and we always provide a clean pair of pants for them to wear for the remainder of the day. If you would like to donate a packet of pants, age 4-5 or 5-6, and wipes, that would also be very helpful.



Head Lice

Please check your child's head regularly for head lice. For more information click [here](#).

Dates for Your Diary

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| 9-10 Oct | Flu Vaccines |
| 13 Oct | P4T & P3M Learning Café End of Term |
| 9 Nov | Reporting - Information Evening |
| 15 Nov | Parent Council Meeting |
| 24 Nov | Reports out |
| 30 Nov | Parents Evening |
| 5 Dec | Parents Evening |

Happy To help.....

As always, we are more than happy to discuss your child or an aspect of school life. If you have a concern about your child, please go the Class Teacher in the first instance as they will know your child best. If you feel your concern is an immediate child protection issue or of a serious nature, please contact via email below and we will get back to you. Mrs Stannard will mainly deal with concerns P1-3 and Miss Finch P4-7.

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Pupil and School Council

The recently formed Pupil and School Councils will work together to improve aspects of the school and represent their year group at events. We also have a Parent Representative to help support the children and their ideas. An article about the work of both these groups will be in the next First Class.

Groupcall Xpressions

You will have received an email today regarding Groupcall Xpressions. Please ensure you register for this app.

Changes to Bus Arrangements

If you need to change your arrangements for transporting your child home from school, please contact the school office before 1.30 pm.

