



Partnerships with Parents

Parent Support

We have a Learning Mentor, Mrs Johnson, who is employed to work with parents who may have a concern about their child's behaviour, learning or alleged bullying. Mrs Johnson also supports families who may be experiencing specific difficulties such as bereavement, family break ups or domestic violence. Mrs Johnson can be contacted through the school office or telephoning 01977 524483 and asking to speak to her or leave a message and she will ring you back.

Links with Class Teachers

- WELCOME LETTER - at the end of each school year we send a 'Welcome' letter from the next year's teacher to give information about classroom routines and expectations – including PE days!
- PARENTS' EVENINGS - in the autumn term, and spring term, there will be an appointment where parents and their children will meet with the class teacher on a one to one basis to talk about their progress in reading, writing and maths. Teachers will also discuss any concerns that they may have.
- CURRICULUM INFORMATION – at the end of each half term phase leaders will send home information outlining what the children will be learning in class during the next half term – there will be ideas that parents can do with their children at home to enhance their learning in school as well as ideas for Home School Projects.

Celebrations

- THANKSGIVING - In autumn term we have a harvest or thanksgiving event to which parents are asked to contribute something, which might be an item of food or fill a Shoebox for Samaritans Purse. We will also invite parents to church to celebrate this with us in a whole school event.
- CHRISTMAS - There is always a Christmas Concert in December to which parents are invited - we usually have a separate concert for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and a different concert for Key Stage 1 and 2 children.
- EASTER – in the week before we break up for Easter we ask parents to help their children at home to decorate a hard-boiled egg or decorate an Easter bonnet for our Easter Parade in school.

Supporting Learning

- HOMEWORK – we ask parents to read with their children at least three times a week, practice their spellings and support them with maths and literacy homework. At present we also ask parents to encourage their children to access Mathematics regularly via the internet where they have internet access at home. On the curriculum sheets mentioned earlier there are always activities and ideas that parents can do with their children to enhance their topic learning. Children may have some additional tasks to complete at home in preparation for SATs at the end of the year.