

Dear Parents,

BUILDING WORK – thank you

Thank you all so much for being so co-operative with the new arrangements for the start and end of the day. I know that the new arrangements are a little inconvenient for many of you, but thanks to your help, things have gone very smoothly and we are getting the children into and out of school safely.

At the end of the day, teachers will supervise children on the playground for five minutes until 3.20. At this point, any children whose parents have not arrived will be taken to wait in the library by the main entrance. This is so that teachers are able to get on with their work after school and/or run school clubs. We do not have staff available to supervise children after the end of school, so it is especially important that you pick your children up on time.

If you know in advance that you are going to be late, please make alternative arrangements for your child to be collected and please don't forget to let us know who your child will be going home with.

ADVANCE NOTICE - EARLY CLOSURE ON 26TH JUNE

This year we shall be holding our School Improvement Planning afternoon on Friday, 26th June. On that afternoon the school will close for children at 1.30 p.m.

ONLINE BUT OFFGUARD?

Parent information evening,
Tuesday, 9th June, 7.00 pm

Do you worry what your child is or will be doing online? Are you sure that you know how you can protect them when they use the internet? No? Then this evening is for you! Please see the attached information leaflet and return the sign up form to school by Friday, 5th June.

SWINE FLU

We have received the following advice regarding swine flu:

"Schools need to take no specific action regarding swine flu. Any children who have been to an affected country, or had close contact with someone who has, and have become unwell, should stay at home and contact their GP or NHS Direct for advice and possible follow up. Advice to Surrey residents can be found on the PCT website <http://www.surreyhealth.nhs.uk/>

The old adage 'coughs and sneezes spread diseases' still holds firm today. Research has revealed that even in this modern age many people do not understand what a huge difference good hand and respiratory hygiene makes. Using and disposing of tissues correctly and washing hands can help reduce the spread of germs leading to colds, flu and other illnesses.

The messages are simple:

Catch it – germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze

Bin it – germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

Kill it – hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

Please help us by reminding the children of the importance of hand washing and the correct use of

tissues.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

I know that for some of you this is a real 'hot potato' and that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find after school child care. I have asked Sarah Davison, manager of our Tandridge School Confederation to work with me to ascertain if there are any possibilities of setting up after school care locally. Before we approach providers, however, we need to have a measure of what the demand might be. If you would use a local after school child care service, would you please complete the survey below and return it to school by next Friday, 8th May. I can then collate the responses and present them to Sarah when I meet with her the following week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley
Headteacher

REMINDERS

§ All payments for lunches must be made in advance.

§ Please send your child into school with a waterproof jacket – the children still go outside to play when it is raining!