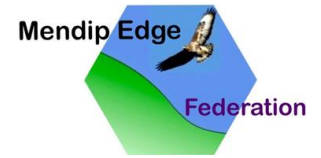




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OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

DIARY DATES

18 th October	Blackrock Class to Tyntesfield
18 th October	3.30-6pm Parent Evening
19 th October	4-7pm Parent Evening
23-27 October	Half Term Holidays
30 th October	First day back
16 th November	Blackrock Class to SS Great Britain
17 th November	Children in Need Day
25 th November	Shipham Christmas Fayre 3-9pm
29 th November	Blackrock Class – Victorian Day
13 th December	Rehearsal – Christmas Play 2pm @ St Leonards
14 th December	Christmas Play 6pm @ St Leonards
15 th December	Xmas Jumper Day
19 th December	Christmas Lunch and Party
21 st December	Last day of term – Carol Service 2.30pm @ St Leonards

More dates will follow

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. If you are interested in this role, or would be able to help out on a casual basis, please see Mrs Macleod.

Fairlands School Kitchen are also looking for a temporary kitchen assistant for 4 months to cover long term sick leave. This would be working in their kitchen in the morning and serving food at lunchtime at Draycott School. If you would like more information please see Mrs Macleod.

PARENT PAY

Many thanks to all the parents who are using parent pay for ordering school meals and paying for various items. It is now up and working and parents are able to pay for uniform, school meals, breakfast club, school trips and pre-school fees via this website.

If you have not yet logged on to the website, or have lost your activation letter, please see Mrs Macleod. With the closure of many local banks, we are working towards a cashless school.

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FENCING

The fencing around the school has now been finished. From next week, during the school day the gates to the school will be locked from 8.50am – 3.10pm. The only entrance to the school will be through the School Reception.

The gates will be unlocked before and after school and at weekends.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Letters have been sent home to book a meeting to discuss your child's targets and progress with their class teacher. If you are unable to make either date, please see the class teacher to arrange another time.

18th October	3.30-6pm
19th October	4-7pm

FOSS DONATIONS

We are very grateful to the continued support FOSS give to the school and their fundraising efforts. This term FOSS paid for many resources for our Reception Class as well as topic books for Blackrock Class and we would like to say a big thank you to them.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The admissions website is now open to apply for a school place for Reception 2018. The website address is:

www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions



HOLIDAY CLUBS

Sporting World are offering holiday clubs this October half term as follows:

Monday: Draycott
Tuesday: Axbridge
Wednesday: Shipham

If you need a form please see Mrs Macleod

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance above 97%. Term dates and in-service days for 2017-18 are on the website. Please note that holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please speak or make an appointment to see :

Mr Jory - Child Protection Officer

Mrs Joyce - Deputy Child Protection Officer

Other useful contacts:

NSPCC - 0800 800 5000

Somerset Direct - 0300 123 2224 to contact local authority for advice

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