



## PARENTS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

### iPad updates

I am glad to report that iPads are back and running in school, thank you for your patience.

### Email use

On Tuesday I sent a test message to the email addresses we have on our centralised system in the office. This newsletter is also being distributed via email. If we don't have your email address and you would like to receive general information in this way please do put a note in your child's diary. We would like to phase out paper copies in the future.

### Local Authority area special needs inspection

Ofsted will be inspecting services for children and young people with special educational needs (who live in Cambridgeshire) next week. I am sending a separate letter all about that today as well as this newsletter. Please do take this opportunity to give your own experiences and feedback, both good and those that need improvement. This is not an inspection of the school but you can of course include comments about your child's experiences here if you wish.

### Inside Drill

Today your child may come home and mention 'inside drill.' You will be aware already that all schools have regular fire evacuation practices. 'Inside drill' is the name we have in school for the opposite: in the unlikely event of a problem on site pupils and staff should stay in their classrooms, away from windows, until more information is received. All public buildings have similar drills and there is no need to be alarmed; I do not anticipate a problem. Today we are having our first practice of 'inside drill.'

### Dates for diaries

|                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Thursday 30 March                  | End of Spring Term       |
| Wednesday 19 April                 | Start of Summer Term     |
| Monday 1 May                       | May Day (school closed)  |
| Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June      | Half Term                |
| Thursday 29 June 5.30 – 8.30pm     | Parents Evening          |
| Tuesday 4 July 10.00am – 12.00     | Primary Sports Morning   |
| Wednesday 5 July 10.00am – 12.40pm | Secondary Sports Morning |
| Monday 17 July 9.30am – 1.00pm     | Move Up Morning          |
| Friday 21 July                     | End of Summer Term       |

**Disco reminder**

FOGS are holding a disco on Tuesday 28 March 7.00 – 8.30pm. Come and party with Jizzo at this ever popular event.

**Sleep clinics**

Does your child have difficulty sleeping? Do they dislike staying in their own room? Would you like some new support and advice that is available? A specialist sleep clinic will be hosted here on 17 May. School can refer you if you put a note in your child's diary and this is a free service.

**Young adult LDD social care drop-in sessions**

I will soon be able to let you know about some drop-in advice sessions for our older students and their families. I will include that information in my next newsletter.

**A parent tells me.....**that if your child receives DLA and you need extra essential services such as water and heating then some companies may provide you with a discount. I can't tell you which companies or how much but it might be advantageous to make enquiries with your own service providers.

Best wishes  
Lucie