



Mont Nicolle School Newsletter

30th January 2018

Mrs Lisa Paul



Message from Mrs Paul

Returning back to school after the Christmas break is always tricky. Dark mornings, wet and windy days and a whole new term of new learning!

Our new teachers are settling really well into school routines and getting to know the children very quickly.

We have Parent Consultations this week, the staff have been working hard on their preparations for these meetings. Please ensure you maintain the focus of your meeting on your child's learning. Children's books will be available for you to have a browse through whilst you are waiting for your meeting. Nursery will be holding their consultations in a couple of weeks' time.

Half term is just around the corner - wishing you all a fantastic week!

As always, my door is always open - please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Walking Bus

Our walking bus has been enduring the relentless wet weather. However, if there are really high winds - we will not be walking! Suitable footwear please and **no** Nursery children unless walking with an adult.

School Website & Superstar Achievers

Every Friday, a child in each class is nominated by their teacher as a 'Superstar Achiever'. Please check our school website to view a photo of the nominated children each week!

Download the [School News App](#) and you will receive immediate notification on your phone or iPad.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 1st March.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We do request that children do not wear football kits - even if they can justify it as a book character!

Reading Challenge (PTA Fundraiser)

The Reading Challenge will be launched during assembly on World Book Day. We will be asking children to think of interesting or peculiar places to read - take a photo - bring/send it in to school. The most outrageous photos will receive book prizes!

School Driveway

Parents/grandparents/carers are continuing to park in the school grounds much too early.

Do not arrive before 2.45pm unless you are picking up a Foundation Stage child.

Due to the volume of cars on our school grounds, I have (very reluctantly) requested that teachers end their PE lessons at 2.30pm in order for the gate to be opened. This has a massive impact on the children's entitlement to PE - some children receiving less time than their peers in their PE sessions.

I understand the stress that pick-up and drop-off entails - therefore, it is essential everyone plays their part in abiding by the driveway etiquette.

Please do not drop off before 8.25am.

Please help and support us in making our driveway a safe and stress-free place.



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Individual Photos - 6th February

On Tuesday 6th February Peter Trenchard will be in school to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure the children are wearing smart uniform on that day (bring PE kit if PE day). We will automatically have pictures of siblings in school taken together. If you would like photos of children with their pre-school siblings, please arrange for them to be here from about 8.30am. Please park in the top playground if you are bringing siblings into school.

Dates for the next few weeks...

30th Jan, 1st & 7th Feb - Parent Consultations
6th Feb - Individual Photographs
9th Feb - Sign2Sing Fundraising Event
12th - 16th Feb - Half Term
26th Feb - Wellbeing Week
1st Mar - World Book Day & Reading Challenge launch

Sign2Sing

The Sign2Sing fundraiser is an annual event organised by the Deaf Health Charity - SignHealth, which raises essential funds to help vulnerable deaf children and adults. Over the past few weeks, the children have been busy learning the Sign2Sing song together with some simple signs. This fits in well with our communication, music and PSHE curriculum.

The children and staff will be coming together for the Sign2Sing event on Friday 9th February. We kindly ask for a small donation towards this very worthwhile event.

Why not visit the website and you could practise with your family!

<http://sign2sing.org.uk>

E-Safety

We are continually addressing issues arising from children using social media such as SnapChat. This impacts on valuable learning time and affects children's emotional wellbeing. We do have a responsibility to address issues when we are made aware of them in school.

If you do allow your child to use these age inappropriate sites (**13+**) then please ensure that you monitor and educate your child in keeping safe on-line. Please work in partnership with us so that we can all ensure your child is safe both at home and at school.

Carol Service Collection - £559!

A very big thank you for your generosity at our Christmas Carol Service. We collected £559 for Evelina Children's Hospital.

We wish **Milla** in Year 6 lots of luck as she leaves us at half term for her long awaited kidney transplant at Evelina Hospital in London. Our warmest wishes are with Milla and her family.



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