

Life Skills

When agreeing our priorities for the year ahead with children, staff, parents and governors we revisit our aims and ethos as a school family. What is clear from everybody is our desire and success in more than just academically educating children. It would appear from the feedback received from each group that we all value Reading, Writing and Mathematics and recognise how important it is for our children to excel in these areas and enjoy them. What is also clear though, is that we want considerably more than this for our children and that we believe there are a wide range of skills needed to be happy and successful in life.

Life skills can encompass a huge variety of talents and abilities, from tying our shoe laces to expressing our views in a proactive but polite manner. Each individual's interpretation of these skills can also differ but it is clear to us as teachers that children who achieve great leaps forward in their learning do so because they are self-confident, happy and sociable. We have taken the bold step to explicitly teach these skills and include with greater emphasis, learning opportunities that highlight life skills.

Essentially we believe if your child is emotionally intelligent as well as academically intelligent they can only achieve great things. You will see more information through the year regarding this and we would very much appreciate the influence of parents over shaping this approach to schooling. If you would be interested in discussing and maybe getting involved then Mrs Summers and Miss Simpson will be hosting an information session next term. Please feel free to discuss this further with your child's teacher or with the Senior Leadership Team if you would like to know more at this stage.

Matt Rawling - Headteacher

Assembly dates for your diary:

Yr 5 – Sea Turtles – Friday, 22nd September 2017
Yr 4 – Galapagos Penguins – Friday, 29th September 2017
Yr 3 – River Dolphins – Friday, 6th October 2017
Harvest Festival Assembly – Friday, 13th October 2017

PARENTS' EVENING

Please be reminded that the first Parents' Evening of this academic year is on Thursday, 19th October 2017

Terms 1 & 2 dates for your diary:

Parents' Evening – Thursday, 19th October 2017
Term 1 Ends – Thursday, 19th October 2017
INSET Day – Friday, 20th October 2017

Term 2 Starts – Monday, 30th October 2017
Parent Focus Group – Friday, 10th November 2017
Reception Christmas Show – Tuesday, 5th December 2017 at 2pm and Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 5pm
Year 2 Nativity – Tuesday, 12th December 2017 at 2pm and Wednesday, 13th December 2017 at 5pm
Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, 13th December 2017
Classroom Open Afternoon – Thursday, 14th December 2017 at 3.30pm
Interim reports – Friday, 15th December 2017
Term 2 Ends – Friday, 15th December 2017
INSET Days – Monday, 18th December to Wednesday, 20th December 2017