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The Reginald Mitchell News

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Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for another exciting, busy and productive academic year. We have listened to your responses to the questionnaire and as a result this year we are launching our new homework menu which will be set for a half term at a time. We're hoping that this will enthuse children as it gives far more choice than our previous system. We have also planned to open the school once a term, for "Reginald Mitchell at Work Days", so that you can come and see how hard we work to educate your children. More details will be available regarding this and other changes we have made at the information evenings next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new members of staff to Reginald Mitchell: Miss Dobson to year 3, Mrs Evans to Reception and Mr Kinsey our new caretaker. By appointing these staff members we have significantly strengthened the team and I am really pleased that they have joined us. Best wishes Mr Newton.

Please remember newsletters and holiday dates are on our website

www.reginaldmitchell.staffs.sch.uk

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for updates through the week

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Please remember to return your contact forms back to school as soon as possible. It is vital that the information we hold is up to date.

Thank you

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is extremely important and being regularly absent will affect your child's ability to learn and do well.

Mr Newton monitors attendance on a daily basis and will be making calls if pupils are absent. Please let us know if your child is not in school for any reason. We have a duty to make sure children are safe.

Medical appointments, where possible should be made out of school time—we understand this is not always possible. Please let the office have a copy of appointment cards and letters. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you are unable to have any other time off work for example please obtain a letter from your employer (on headed paper) to say this.

Penalty notices can be issued for any period of unauthorised absence, including holidays and for 10 unauthorised late marks.

We will be running attendance clinics over the year to discuss with you any concerns we may have over your child's attendance. Thank you for your support.

Reminders to help school run smoothly:

- Children should not play on the equipment before or after school
- Please drive and park with care and consideration, to keep our children safe and to respect our neighbours
- PE kits must be in school ready for PE lessons
- Water bottles should be in school every day
- Please send your children to school with healthy snacks for break / lunchtime, please avoid sweets and chocolate.
- Please label your child's uniform and belongings
- Any medication must be signed in and out of the school office by an adult. Please do not send your children into school with any medicine's.
- School meals are £2.30 per day, please pay on Parentpay in advance . Arrears are not permitted. Sandwich bags will be available until October half term. The lunch menu for the following week can be found on our newsletter each week.

Parents claiming income support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, some Child Tax Credit, some Working Tax Credit etc may be able to claim free school meals.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, or they are currently in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and receiving universal infant school meals, the more eligible parents who claim meals the more funding the school receives.

It really does make a difference!

You can quickly and easily register your claim by registering online :

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-Online.aspx>

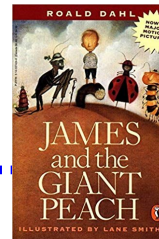
or call into the school office.

Successful new claims will be entitled to a free school jumper / cardigan.

Class organisation and drop in times

Nursery	Mrs S Smith M/T/W	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm
	Mrs P Simpson T/F	Starting weds 20th Sept
	Mrs T Rogerson—Nursery Nurse	
Reception	Mrs H Evans	Friday 3.15-4.15pm
	Mrs J Fowell—Teaching Asst	
Year 1	Miss D Griffin	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm
	Miss J Brammer—Teaching Asst	
Year 2	Mrs F Simm	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm
	Mrs L Roberts—Teaching Asst	
Year 3	Mrs B Dobson	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm
	Mrs J Wilson—Teaching Asst	
Year 4	Miss A Bourner	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm
	Mrs K Tillet—Teaching Asst	
Year 5	Mr E Gillespie	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm
	Mrs J Ashton—Teaching Asst	
Year 6	Mr L Anderson-Pugh	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm
	Mrs H Matthews—Teaching Asst	
Intervention	Mrs N Bailey	

On 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl day. We would like children to bring their favourite Roald Dahl book to school with them, if they do not have a Roald Dahl book they can bring their favourite book with them. We have lots of enjoyable and exciting activities planned for the day. Please note we do not want children to come to school in costumes.



05/9/18

Pupils return to school

10/9/18

Y5 swimming starts

11/9/18 5pm

EY / Y1 / Y2 information evening

12/9/18 5pm

Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6 information evening

13/9/18

Roald Dahl day