

The Apple

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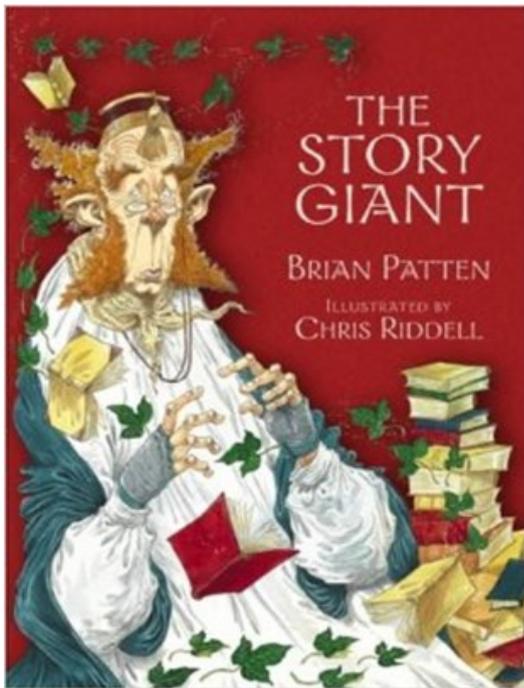
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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We are delighted that the children have returned in good spirits and we are looking forward to all we have planned for the year ahead. We wish a particularly warm welcome to all of the children who have joined our Foundation Stage and all those children who have joined from other schools at the beginning of this school year. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Gaze and Miss Clark to the teaching team and know that they are going to be fantastic members of staff.

We have been busy over the summer to ensure that we have been able to get straight into our whole school theme about Giants. We have based the theme around a book called "The Story Giant" by Brian Patten:



In the story the Giant has collected thousands of stories from around the world and now needs just one more amazing story to save his castle from crumbling. Four children stumble across the castle and agree to help the Story Giant who needs to find the story before the end of the night. We hope that the children will be able to learn, tell or write a story that they think the Giant needs to complete his collection!

The children are settling back into the school routine brilliantly and we are delighted with their attitudes to learning.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Breakfast Club

In order to maintain the staff to pupil ratios required it is essential that Parents/Carers book their children into Breakfast club at the earliest possible date. As soon as the register for breakfast club is full for each day we will not be able to take any more pupils. Last year a number of Parents/Carers had been arriving in the morning having not booked a place and some had to be turned away – please book early to avoid disappointment. We have managed to maintain the cost at £4 per day as the increase in numbers allow us to meet our running costs for a lower charge (the same deal for additional siblings is also still in place).

Labelling School Uniform and PE kit

At the start of the school year many pupils have **new uniform and P.E. kit**. It is essential that all school clothing is **labelled** with the pupil's **full name**. It becomes almost impossible to track down lost clothing if a name label is not present. Please check that your child's name is on each item of clothing that they wear or bring to school.

Gold School Games Award

Over the Summer Holiday we were delighted to be informed that we have achieved the "Gold School Games" award. This is a huge achievement and shows how brilliantly we are providing sporting opportunities to the pupils. It also highlights the high take up rate of the pupils themselves!



Attendance

As a school we are desperate to ensure that all pupils fulfil their potential. The attendance of pupils forms a hugely important part of their ability to do well at school and as such will remain a major focus in the coming year. On average, pupils who have attendance at less than 90% are missing 1 day every two weeks. This amounts to almost 4 weeks of time out of school. As a school we have a responsibility to ensure that attendance is good. As such Parents/Carers of pupils who fall below the 90% by the end of September will receive a phone call to inform them that this is the case. This will then give pupils the opportunity to improve their attendance levels. This should not cause concern for any parents where pupils have been ill for extended periods as we will already be aware of your circumstances.