

## Fortnightly Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Headteacher's comments

It has been such a busy half term! The school seems so busy with learning each day and they are trying really hard. We have had a lot going on including class coffee mornings, parent lunches, SEND coffee afternoons, Year One trip to Johnsons Tropical Zoo, dance sessions, forest school to name a few. Nursery and Reception had a visit from a paramedic to talk about the ambulance service, the children really enjoyed learning about them, thank you Mr Jolly.

We have lots to look forward to next half term with a Diwali dance workshop, Christmas decoration mornings and of course the nativity and carol singing!

### After school clubs

We are pleased with the uptake of after school clubs this term and are also pleased to be offering a Forest School after school club to Key Stage One children after half term. The club will be run by Mr Malster, our forest school lead and Miss Wilson and will run on a Wednesday. Sign up will go out next week and, as always, will be on a first come, first serve basis and will cost £3.50 per session to cover the cost of the club.

### Crossing patrol

We are still looking for a SCP. If you or someone you know is interested in the role, please speak to the school office. While the council are trying to fill the vacancy, please ensure you are extra vigilant when crossing the road.

### School PTA disco

A reminder that the PTA are hosting a fancy dress disco on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please buy your child's ticket on Arbor.

### Mental health awareness day

Thank you to everyone who supported Mental Health awareness day. We raised an amazing £160 in awareness of mental health.

### Mobile Phones on the playground

Please can I remind you that parents should not be taking photos, recording or using any kind of facetime when they are on school site. This is to safeguard our children. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Car park/ driving

Once again, I would like to remind you about safe driving and considerate parking when dropping/collecting your child. Please can I also remind you that, in accordance with the law, while your car is moving all children should be in an age/ height appropriate car seat and should be strapped in.

### Individual photos

On 8<sup>th</sup> November the children will be having their individual photos taken. If you would like your child to have a sibling photo, please speak to the school office.

**Parents Evening**

Parents evenings are coming up on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November. The booking system will go live the first day back after half term and will be booked via Arbor.

**Attendance**

Thank you once again for everyone who is abiding by the school attendance policy. School doors open at 0845 and close at 0855. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late. The whole school learns their phonics after arrival and therefore, if your child is persistently late they will be missing key phonics learning which could have a detrimental impact on their attainment.

**Reading at home**

Please can I remind you the importance of reading at home with your child. We expect every child to read with an adult at least 5 times a week and this should be recorded in their school reading diary. Remember “Reading makes you brainy”

**Dates for the diary:**

25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day- school closed to children
28 <sup>th</sup> October- 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half term
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children back in school
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective new parents tour @ 1400
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photos
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccines
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 1530-1730
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 1530-1800
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Daisy coffee morning @0900
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Poppy coffee morning @0900
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Tulip parent lunch
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Prospective new parents tour @ 0900
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Foxglove parent lunch

