

# Newsletter - 6th October September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a delight to welcome the author Matt Carr this week to school to talk to year 1 and 2 about his latest book. This visit was part of the chichester bookfest and it was a great experience for all. There was plenty of laughter with Captain Loooroll! Matt then spent time with each child signing their copy of his book. It was amazing to see so many children engaged and listening to Matt as he talked about his books. Definitely a love of reading moment for all. Thank you to the PTA for supporting this with some of the funding for the visit and making the experience affordable for all our families.



On **Monday 9th October** we will be holding our harvest celebration at St Johns Church.

It will start at **2.00pm**. The children in year 1 and 2 will be walked to the church.

If you can support your child's class by helping them walk it would be much appreciated,

please talk to the class teacher. We are also asking for donations of food to be brought into school on this day (tins or packets). These donation will go to Chichester Food Bank.

Please see below our dates for parents evening after half term. We will be sending home date/tine request sheets for these next week in book bags. We have also set some of our Christmas dates you will see below in the calendar. The calendar on the school website is also regularly updated so please use this too to check dates.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Lucy Whiffin, Headteacher

## Forest School

Here are the dates for the Forest School sessions for year 1 and 2, classes will alternate fortnightly:

### Year 1 morning session

Thursday 12th October—Hedgehogs Class

Thursday 19th October—Owls Class

Thursday 2nd November—Hedgehogs Class

Thursday 9th November—Owls Class

### Year 2 afternoon session

Thursday 12th October—Squirrels Class

Thursday 19th October—Badgers Class

Thursday 2nd November—Squirrels Class

Thursday 9th November—Badgers Class

Reminder that Children are to come to school **dressed in their Forest School kit on these days. They will stay in their Forest School clothes all day so no need for a change of clothes.** This needs to include long sleeve tops and long bottoms, waterproof jacket and trousers and suitable shoes—walking boots or wellie boots.

## Flu Vaccine

Yesterday we sent you the registration information about the flu vaccine. You now have to register online for this, please check your emails.

## Dates for your Diary

### October

Monday 9th October—Harvest Celebration 2.00pm @ St Johns' year 1 and 2

Wednesday 11th October—6 Weeks in Meeting for Reception Parents, tea and coffee from 8.45 am in school hall

Thursday 12th October—Photo day, children doing forest school please come dressed in school uniform and bring your forest school clothing to change into.

**Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October —HALF TERM BREAK**

**Monday 30th October 2023 INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 31st October—Return to school**

**Thursday 2nd November—Junior open morning for year 2 parents**

**Tuesday 7th November—Open Morning @ 9.00am to see what your child has been learning before parents evening**

**Tuesday 7th November—PTA Meeting @ 2.15**

**Tuesday 7th November—Parents Evening 3.30—6.00pm**

**Wednesday 8th November—Junior open afternoon @2.30pm for year 2 parents**

**Thursday 9th November—Parents Evening 3.30—6.00pm**

### Christmas Dates

**Thursday 30th December—PTA Christmas Shopping day (More information to follow)**

**Friday 8th December—Christmas Jumper Day/Chocolate tombola donations**

**Wednesday 13th December—Year 1 and year 2 Disco, PTA Event (More information to follow)**

**Wednesday 13th December—Chartwells Christmas Dinner**

**Thursday 14th December—Chocolate Tombola for PTA donations**

### Year 2 Christmas Performances:

**Tuesday 5th December @ 2.30pm or Wednesday 6th December @ 9.00am**

### Year 1 Christmas Performances:

**Wednesday 6th December @ 2.30pm or Thursday 7th December @ 9.00am**

### Reception Christmas Celebration:

**Thursday 7th December @ 2.45pm or Friday 8th December @ 9.00am**

### Remaining INSET DAYS 2023—2024:

**Monday 30th October 2023 Tuesday 2nd January 2024**

**Monday 19th February 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024**