

Newsletter - 18th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy first half term at school, I want to thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work. The children have also been working very hard! We will welcome parents into school on Monday 6th November to see what your child has been learning before your parent consultation meetings.

We are all very pleased that Ofsted recognised the amazing work that happens at school everyday, I hope you have read the report sent out to you last week. The areas for development in the report are already in our school development plan for this year and are being worked on. We are continuing to develop the school curriculum to ensure all children are getting high quality learning experiences through all subject areas.

On Friday we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Gorman, who has a new exciting job. Thank you Mrs Gorman for everything you have done for the children. Mrs Gorman is also our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and through this work has supported individual and small groups of children with their emotional needs. We will be training another member of the staffing team to replace this very important role in school. We wish you lots of luck in your new job Mrs Gorman.

A reminder about the SEN drop in session on Friday 17th November at St Johns Church. This is for any parent who would like support and advice from other agencies, including the school nurse service. Please do just go along and see what services can offer you support.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. There is an inset day on Monday 30th October so children return to school on Tuesday 31st October. Mrs Lucy Whiffin, Headteacher

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. If children would like to, they may come to school in spotty clothes, or something colourful or Pudsey themed, and bring a monetary donation of your choice. All funds raised will go to Children in Need.



Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday we will be having our first 'Hot Chocolate Friday' which will become an end of half term treat for chosen children.

The children who are chosen for this will be those who **always** do the right thing and **always** show our behaviour values **Ready, Respectful, Safe**. The class teachers will choose 2 children for this treat which they will have with Mrs Whiffin.

This is one of the positive rewards we have introduced, along with our positive notes, to promote high standards of behaviour across the school.

Forest School Dates

Year 1 morning session

Thursday 19th October—Owls Class
Thursday 2nd November—Hedgehogs Class
Thursday 9th November—Owls Class
Thursday 16th November—Hedgehogs Class

Year 2 afternoon session

Thursday 19th October—Badgers Class
Thursday 2nd November—Squirrels Class
Thursday 9th November—Badgers Class
Thursday 16th November—Squirrels Class
As the weather has now changed, please make sure your child has long trousers and long sleeved layered tops, plus they also require a set of waterproofs/ hat /gloves.

Dates for your Diary

October

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

Monday 30th October 2023 INSET DAY

Tuesday 31st October—Return to school

November

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

Monday 6th November—Open Afternoon @ 2.30 pm to see what your child has been learning before parents evening—Changed from previous date

Tuesday 7th November—Flu Vaccinations all Year groups

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

Friday 17th November—Children in Need

Monday 20th November—Read with me @ 3.00pm

Thursday 30th November —PTA Christmas Shopping day (More info to follow)

December

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

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

Wednesday 13th December—Year 1 and year 2 Disco (More info to follow)

Wednesday 13th December—Chartwells Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December—Chocolate Tombola PTA fundraising event

Friday 15th December—Last Day of Term

Remaining INSET DAYS 2023—2024:

Monday 30th October 2023 Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024