



# Newsletter



## Autumn term

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### 21st October 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy half term and we are extremely proud of the progress that all the children have made already.

I enjoyed our postcard picnic with nominated children today; It is lovely to have the opportunity to listen to their news and enjoy the biscuits and hot chocolate with them.

In assembly today we celebrated achievements and Year 4, Eagles class, proudly shared their experiences from their sports trip this week. Staff reported that their behaviour was exemplary and the children represented the school admirably. To top all of that, the Goalball team came first in their tournament. Well done and thank you to all of them!

I was also really pleased to be able to give out lots of good attendance awards for the children, well done to everyone.

I hope that you enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 1st November.

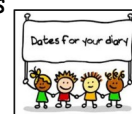
Mrs Headland

### Medical Evidence

If your child is absent from school for more than 3 days, you may be asked for some medical evidence in the form of a Doctors appointment text / letter or photo of prescribed medicine bottle etc. Thank you.

### Diary Dates

- 24th Oct—Half Term
- 31st Oct—4th Nov Parent Consultations Preschool
- 31st Oct—Open sessions for 2023 Reception Starters—see overleaf for more details
- 31st Oct—Teacher Training Day
- 1st Nov—Return to School
- 3rd Nov—Year 3 Whipsnade Trip



### Attendance

A big well done to Willows class this week with 99.3% attendance. The whole school attendance is 96.3% but we are aiming for 98%!



### Premier Sport

Please see details of our after school clubs with Premier Sport for next half term. Bookings are now open.



#### DODGEBALL CLUBS NEAR YOU

Venue: Cotton End Forest School  
 Dates: Tuesday 1st November - Tuesday 6th December 2022  
 Times: 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
 Price: £22 per child  
 Ages: Year's 1 & 2  
 Additional info: Boys & Girls Welcome

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 Laila - Parent

Dodgeball is growing in popularity week by week. It's outrageous fun that pretty much all children love.

Each session is fast-paced, action-packed and energetic. The nature of the sport requires a lot of physical and social activity, developing a range of core skills through catches, throws, dodges, quick movements, and awareness of space.

Book now for an extracurricular club they will never forget.

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Venue: Cotton End Forest School  
 Dates: Wed 2nd November - Wed 7th December 2022  
 Times: 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
 Price: £22 per child  
 Ages: Years 3 - 6  
 Additional info: Boys & Girls Welcome

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### Mobile Library

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the leaflet which was sent home to Years 3-6 this week

regarding accessing our mobile library. I'm pleased to report that membership cards will be issued after half term and those children will be able to visit the library every two weeks from 9th November to borrow books.



### Secondary School Places

Please can we kindly remind you to ensure you have applied for a secondary school place for your child by 31st October if you haven't already.

The deadline for secondary school place applications is 31 October

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### Uniform

**PLEASE** could we ask you to take a moment over the half term to put your children's names in **ALL** of their uniform? Thank you.



### Parent Consultations

For those who missed their parent consultation this week or wasn't able to book due to lack of availability, please be reminded that we have arranged another opportunity for you on Monday 31st October.



### Poppy Appeal

From Tuesday 1st November we will be giving the children the opportunity to buy an item from our Poppy Appeal selection as follows:

- Classic Poppy 50p
- Snap Bands £1.50
- Rubber Wrist Bands £1.00
- Zip Reflectors £1.00
- Button Tags 50p



If you would like your child to be involved, please ensure they bring the correct money into school. All proceeds will go towards The Royal British Legion.



### School Lunches

The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Christmas holidays. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues this may result in you receiving a phone call and asking you to bring in a lunch for your child. Thank you for your support.



### Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that Cotton End Forest School has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our resources. Please refer to the ParentMail sent yesterday for more information.



### Open Day for New Starters 2023

On 31st October we will be holding an open day for families whose children will be starting school in September 2023. There are two sessions available 9.30am-10.30am and 2pm-3pm. This will give both parents and children the opportunity to look around the school, meet the teachers and gain some insight towards our ethos. If you would like to come along please contact the school office to book your place.

