



Newsletter

Autumn term

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10th November 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term.

The weather has now become more seasonal with leaves changing colours and falling, sunshine and showers and the temperature dipping, therefore can I please remind you to ensure that the children come to school with coats and suitable footwear please.

We very proudly shared our fabulous school with lots of prospective new parents this week and we received great, positive feedback about how engaged and happy the children were as they looked around.

Woodpeckers, year 2 class went off to Biddenham last week for a school sports event and represented our school really well. The children took part in activities to develop their balance and agility skills. Well done everyone!

Osprey and Owls class have very confidently shared their learning in whole school assemblies. It was a pleasure to see how busy they have all been in school with the amazing artwork produced, DT projects using gears, Diva lamps for Diwali as well as Forest School activities undertaken. What a busy couple of weeks!

Street Tag-as you know we have signed up for this project whereby we compete against other schools to collect active points to win prizes for the school. We currently have 78 people signed up, which is great, but please remember to link your fitness trackers to the app so that we can get as many points as possible. We know that lots of you are very active and walk miles each week, so let's make sure those footsteps count!

As you are aware, we monitor attendance and lateness rigorously and already this term overall we have lost 43 hours and 18 minutes of school time due to lateness. Please ensure that your children are here on time, we cannot teach them if they are not in school!

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

- 13th November—Puberty meeting for parents Yr5&6 3pm
- 15th November—Choir Club begins Yr2, 3 & 4
- 15th November—Deadline to order Christmas dinner
- 17th November—Children In Need More information to follow.
- 22nd November—Height and Weight Screening—YrR & Yr6 only
- 24th November—Yr4 Cake Sale
- 1st December—Bikeability Level 1 Yr3&4
- 4th December—Coffee Morning 8.45am-10am
- 6th December—Christmas Dinner
- 7th December—Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm
- 11th December—Final week of after school clubs
- 18th December—Christmas Performance more information to follow
- 19th December—Christmas Performance more information to follow
- 19th December—Last Day of Term
- 3rd January—Inset Day—School is closed
- 4th January—Return to school

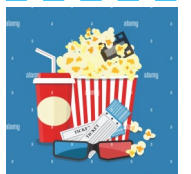
Important Information

Attendance

A big well done to Skylarks class last week with 98.3% attendance and Ospreys class this week with 99.3%. The whole school attendance is 96.6% but we are aiming for 98%!



Movie Night. The children enjoyed their movie night last week with crisps, popcorn and juice. We were able to raise a massive £454 which will go towards school funds.



Thank you so much for all your support.

Ink Cartridges Please feel free to bring into the school office any empty ink cartridges and post them in our Recycle4Charity box. We will receive money to go towards school resources and you will be helping the environment.

Recycle 4 Charity

School Dinners

Please could we remind you that the menu on School Grid is 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. We will be serving Christmas dinner on 6th December and this will need to be pre-ordered by **15th November**. Any attempts to order after this date will not be facilitated.



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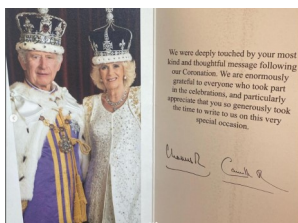
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Letter from the King

Mrs Russell and Mrs Disbury were delighted to receive some very special post this week! Last year our Reception Classes wrote to King Charles and Queen Camilla following their Coronation, Buckingham Palace sent a beautiful card back. We were excited to share the card with year 1 (last year's Reception classes) in assembly today.



Absence

If your child is absent from school please could we ask you to contact us on every day of their absence. We have options to facilitate this in the form of leaving a message on the absence line via voicemail, leaving a message via ParentMail or emailing / telephoning the office.

Also, if your child is absent for more than 3 days, we would also appreciate for our records that a confirmation of any doctor's appointment, hospital appointment, any medicine prescribed is sent to:



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Thank you.

Public Health

Due to an increase in winter illnesses / sickness & diarrhea and following advice from public health, we have decided to continue the **48 hour incubation period for the foreseeable future**. Thank you



Christmas Cards If you missed the deadline to purchase your child's Christmas card design, we have arranged with Class Fundraising™ for them to open a "late shop". This will be active between 17th & 24th November for free delivery to the school around mid December. Please bear this in mind if you're planning to forward them via Royal Mail.



<https://myfundraisinghub.com/welcome.aspx>

Year 5 Cake Sale

It was Ospreys turn to host the cake sale before half term. They did a great job of providing the cakes and selling them to children in school.



They raised an impressive £146.15 which will go towards their class fund.

Thank you for all of the donations and kind support!



Data Collection Forms

For those of you who haven't already done so, please don't forget to complete and return your Data Collection Forms that came home after parent consultations.



Poppy Appeal

The children were given the opportunity to purchase a poppy this week in support of The Royal British Legion and in recognition of our



Armed Forces during World War I. Alongside the original poppy, we had pencils, lanyards, snap bands, wristbands, crayons and button tags.

We completely sold out of all our stock so thank you to everyone for their support.

Parent Coffee Morning.

Mrs Chesters-Lewis will be hosting her next coffee morning on Monday 4th December between 9am and 10am. This will be an opportunity



Coffee Morning



to discuss any concerns you may have with your child or even just a chance for a chat. There will be coffee and tea provided so please feel free to pop in.

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