

Newsletter No. 4

15th November 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Inset Days

School is closed on Friday 17th November for Inset Day. The other inset dates this year are: Tuesday 2nd January 2018, Monday 19th February, Friday 29th June 2018.



Parent Support Adviser PSA

Being a parent is very rewarding but it can also be stressful at times. Have you ever felt like you don't know where to turn for help and support?

As a school we employ a PSA, Debbie Youngs, to provide parents support, advice and guidance. She can offer advice on many aspects of parenting and also signpost further support if necessary. Currently there are two spaces for families. If you would like to talk about the PSA and if her service would be suitable for you please come and see Mrs Coppens. Also look out for our parent workshops that Debbie will be running later in the year.

Firework Poster winners

Congratulations to Auraya Rees, Amy Wright, Maisey Harwood and Sam Barton for winning a prize in the firework poster competition.

Harvest Service

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Harvest service. All the food was collected by the foodbank and was gratefully received.



Social Media

I would be grateful if you could have a word with children who use social media; please discourage them from copying pictures off the school website to duplicate on their own pages especially when they edit them. It would be a really good idea to check your children's pages to see what they're up to.



Junior Roman Day



Juniors had a memorable time on their Roman Day last week. Many dressed for the part and all enjoyed a carousel of different 'Romanesque' activities.

Girls' Football

Well done to the girls' football team who have played remarkably well – in the last match we got to the quarter finals. Thanks also to the parents who came along to support – I'm told there was an impressive level of enthusiastic support from the side lines – keep up the good work.

Operation Christmas Child



Many thanks to all who have made up a Christmas shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We managed to collect 103 boxes which will be collected and sent off to disadvantaged children around the world. Thank you for the investment you have made to make a difference for a small person this year.

Trip to the Roman Baths

Owl and Kestrel enjoyed a trip to the Roman Baths in town. These trips really make the history topic come alive. Eagle, Hawk and Osprey are due to go at the beginning of December.



Head Teacher Awards :

Robin	Anastasia & Jacob. Blake & Rachel.
Jay	George & Jessica. Emily & Harrison.
Dove	Nathaniel & Tia. Max & Lewis.
Nightingale	Harry. Corina. Maya & Emmanuelle.
Owl	Harry. Theo & Olivia.
Kestrel	Molly, Owen & Edmund. Girls football team.
Eagle	Oliver & Ethan. Howell.
Hawk	Shay. Riley. Amelia & Louis.
Osprey	Corey, Coby & Cheyenne. Liam.



Parent Governors

Many thanks to the 4 parents who volunteered as parent governors – all the votes are in and counted by Mrs Ball (Clerk to Governors) and me. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Sarah Wilton-Rhead, Mrs Julia Goode and Mr Adrian Taylor-Weekes will be joining the board of governors. We look forward to working in partnership to ensure our school does the best it can for the children in our care. I'm most grateful to Mrs Woodman who also offered to serve the school in this way and who already serves the school as a parent helper/reader and on the PTA – we're so grateful for our supportive parent/carer community.

Parents' Evening

Thanks for your commitment to our partnership as demonstrated in the tremendous **93%** turn out for parents evening. We do value your support and are grateful for your commitment to the school. I would be grateful if the 9 parents who weren't able to attend Parents' evening could contact the class teacher for an update.



LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We are hoping to recruit two enthusiastic, caring and reliable lunch time supervisors to join our team as soon as possible. The purpose of these posts is to supervise and ensure the safety, general welfare and behaviour of pupils during the lunchtime period. You will also be required to assist in putting up and taking down tables.

£8.19 per hour

Closing Date: 01/12/2017 further details are available from the school Website.

Playgrounds in the Morning

Although the gates are opened at 8:30 to allow children onto the playgrounds, teachers do not begin their morning duty until 8:45 so the safety of children remains the responsibility of their parents until then. We do not allow football in the mornings as there are so many children, parents and siblings on the playground the chances of bystanders being hit by stray balls is too great Furthermore, it significantly reduces the waiting space for the majority who do not play football.



Goodbye Mrs Clayton

We were sad to say our goodbyes to Mrs Clayton last Friday. We're so grateful to her for her 20 years of faithful service to the school and we wish her many happy years of retirement. I'm sure we'll manage to get her back in to hear some readers once she has had a good break. We'll have an assembly this week so the children can say

their goodbyes.

Maternity Leave

Best wishes to Mrs Sanchez who went on maternity leave on Friday – we wish her well and trust that she is able to get plenty of rest before the smallest Sanchez arrives in December.



PTA Cake Sale

Many Thanks to all who made cakes for the PTA cake sale. We raised £146.54 and equally importantly – enjoyed the cakes!



As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Andy Joy
Headteacher