

Wednesday 1st November 2017

Dear Parents,

Autumn Term Newsletter (2)

New Staff

Some of you will already have spoken to Mrs Zarcaro, who is the newest member of the office staff. She will be the person who deals with attendance, and so will often be the person who telephones you if your child is away and you have not called us. Our site manager, Mr Thomas sadly left at half term, but I am pleased to welcome Mr Briggs as our new site manager.

Building Works

You will all have noticed how the building is coming along, with the removal of some of the hoarding. Changes to the paths are underway, and we are on track for the works to be completed by the end of November.

We have had a drain fitted at half term to try and drain water away from the Early Years' gate. I hope that this will stop the puddling in that area, but will not be able to assess this until we have rain. If it remains a problem we will look at anything further that can be done.

Please note that next week, on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th, the access route to the main Junior playground from the Greensted Road gate will involve some walking on the grass, as the builders are going to resurface all of the current football playground. This is a bonus, so I want to accept this-please bear with us for those 3 days. There will also be a couple of days when one of the usual entry doors to the Junior building will be out of use. This will be clearly fenced off.

Poppies

We are now selling poppies and other items for Remembrance Day in school. These are sold at break and lunch times and prefects manage this. Items are priced from 50p to £1, with traditional poppies by donation although we suggest 50p. If you wish to support this, your child can bring in their money over the next few days. Some items are very popular and sell out quickly!

World Diabetes Day 14th November 2017

This term we are going to support fund raising for type 1 diabetes and will be inviting children to wear a onesie for school on this day, for a donation. We suggest a minimum of £1. If your child does not have a onesie, then they can come in non-uniform: you do not have to buy new clothing for this day. All funds raised will support research into improving the outcomes for people with Type 1 diabetes-a life-long condition, and we are particularly interested in this as we have children in school who live with this condition. Please be aware that onesies get very warm, so children are advised to have shorts and t-shirts underneath so that if they need to take their onesie off for a while, they have clothing underneath.

Tootoot

We have launched with the children in years 2-6 a new system which we are trialling for reporting concerns if a child feels unable to tell an adult. We still want children to tell/talk to us if they are

worried about anything, but this provides children with another way to communicate with us if they feel unable to talk to someone face to face. Over the next 2 weeks, in class, children will be set up with a password and username. There has already been an assembly introducing the children to Tootoot. This new system is a funded trial through the Local Authority. We will be monitoring and tracking whether it is successful, and feeding this back to Tootoot. Children can access this through any device, at school and at home once they have their password. We will inform you of anything you need to know as the trial progresses.

Mrs J Witteridge

Headteacher

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