Newsletter

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17th October 2025

Assembly themes: After half term – Trust
Following week – Remembering

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fortnight with lots to enjoy and celebrate, including Governors Day in school on Wednesday and Year 1's first assembly yesterday. I look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evenings next week; paper copies will be available of the curriculum maps and curriculum guides for each class – these are also available on the school website. We are also introducing topic research sheets this year, which will enable children to explore aspects of the curriculum in greater depth. At times, these may be part of any homework given to children, and there will also be opportunities for activities to be completed when children have finished tasks in school.

I cannot believe that we only have four more school days before half term - the time has gone really quickly, but I am sure that with the darker mornings and evenings, the children are ready for a break. I hope that you have an enjoyable half term break, including the INSET day next Friday.

Lost Property

At the moment, we have a mini mountain of lost property in school! Despite our best efforts, it is really hard to re-unite children with their possessions, where things are not named. Equally, if an unnamed item accidently makes its way to another child's house, the parent may not realise it is not theirs. Some items have the wrong name in them, when they have been passed on from a friend, causing further confusion.

We would be really grateful if you could check that all your children's possessions are named, including shoes, gloves and hats – name labels sewn in, ironed on, name buttons, stamp, fabric pens – whatever works best for you. Thank you for your support.

PTFA Film Night

Our next PTFA Film Night takes place on Friday 7th November from 6 – 7.45 p.m. The ticket price is £3.50 and includes a choice from three age-appropriate films and refreshments. As part of our commitment to sustainability, we ask the children to bring their own water bottles. All children who attend the school are welcome to come along, as long as they can sit still to watch the film independently. Mobile phones may not be brought along – if parents need to be contacted for any reason, the school phones will be used.

PTFA Playground Apparatus

Our big PTFA fundraising focus this year is to replace the trim trail on the field. The School Council have chosen the items they would like included and would also love to have another zip wire. Every penny we raise goes towards 'extras' for the children; the PTFA have already pledged to fund the cost of the coaches for the pantomime trip, substantially reducing the cost to parents.

PTFA Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November, at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom, to finalise arrangements for the Christmas Shopping Evening.

Be Bright, Be Seen

We are delighted to have been awarded another 'Good Travel Plan' thanks to the commitment families have shown towards walking, cycling and scooting to school where possible. If anyone has any views or ideas on how we can help further with this, please let us know.

With the mornings becoming darker and the evenings drawing in, we will be reminding the children of the importance of being bright to be seen when they are out and about in assembly. We encourage children to wear bright and reflective clothing, and/or accessories such as gloves and backpacks, and to make sure bikes are fitted with appropriate lights. Lots of coats and bags now come with reflective flashes - look out for these when it is time to replace them.

Secondary Applications

The deadline for applications to secondary schools, for the children in Year 6 is 31st October. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help in making your application.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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