

# Newsletter October 2022



## **Reporting Absence**

As we start the new school year, please can I remind everyone the importance of reporting your child's absence in a timely manner. If anyone does not report an absence by 9.30am on the first day of absence we have to follow certain procedures which may end up with us doing home visits. The reason why we ask you to let us know when your child is off and why, is so we can ensure your child and your family are safe. If you are unsure how many days your child will be off, please contact us every day.

You can report absence on Parentmail on the absence tab, via email or give us a call.

## **Poppy Appeal**

We will be raising money for the Poppy Appeal again this year by selling poppies and poppy appeal stationery as soon as we return after half term. Stationery ranges in price from £1 to £1.50. Please send in the correct money.

## **Parents Meeting**

On 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 parents will have the opportunity to book an appointment to see their child's class teacher and discuss how they are settling in to the new school year. 10-minute appointments will go live on Parentmail towards the end of October. If you wish to raise any concerns and discuss something specific, please get in touch with the office to arrange a longer appointment.

There will be another parents evening in March to discuss progress and attainment.

## **Safeguarding**

Mrs Moore is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead with Ms Phillips and Mr Midgley as deputies. If you have any safeguarding concerns please make an appointment to see one of them.

## **School Uniform**

Please can you label all school uniform. We frequently collect uniform from around school which has no name. This is placed in lost property. All children are responsible for their own clothing, labelling makes it easier for them to find it if they lose anything.

## **Holidays and general attendance**

Please be aware that we are closely following our attendance policy regarding school absence.

## **School Development Plan**

Our School Development Plan for this coming year has three main focus points:

### **English**

We will embed our new phonics scheme (Little Wandle) and develop the reading and writing curriculum across the school

### **Curriculum monitoring**

We will have a more vigorous and systematic approach to monitoring the curriculum which will include the Governing Body.

### **Developing provision and language in Early Years**

We will develop a curriculum that is language rich to support children as they begin their school life and ensure continuity of transition between Reception and Year 1.

## **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our Christmas dinner. This will be free to all children, pre-ordered through Willoughby Foods. You will notice you will not be able to order an alternative on this day. We all eat together in the hall. This will also be our Christmas Jumper day to raise funds for Save the Children. You do not have to go and buy a jumper. Children can wear any red/ green/Christmassy/ glittery t-shirt/top or jumper with their school uniform trousers or skirts and bring £1 to donate to Save the Children.

#### **Responses to parent questionnaires last year**

Thank you everyone who took part in the parent questionnaire in June. As a result of this survey we are looking at how we can improve the information we provide to parents regarding the curriculum, your child's progress and topics they are covering.

We were thrilled to see all replies thought the school was well led and managed and that children were well behaved.

## Diary Dates

#### **October 2022**

21<sup>st</sup> Friday: Reception (Red Class parents) invited in to listen to a story and join in with play at 2pm. 1 adult per child please.

#### **November**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Little Wandle Workshop for parents at 2.30pm. Open to all parents in Reception and Year1.  
7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>: 10 min slots to discuss how your child has settled in. Slots will be available on Parentmail at the end of October.

#### **December**

**There will be a KS1 (Red & Yellow Classes) nativity in December at the church. Date to be confirmed.**

14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Christmas Carols around the school tree. Everyone welcome, 5.30pm.

**Term dates for 2022/2023 are on the school website**

A paper copy is available from the office if you wish