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October 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents

Welcome to our October newsletter which sees the end of the first half term of this academic year, and the start of our second. It is lovely to see all of our children settling back into the routine of school so well and welcoming lots of new members of our school family.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday, 6 October we celebrated National Poetry Day! The theme this year was 'The Environment'. Our children wrote and performed some beautiful poems around ensuring our planet is preserved for years to come. Watch this space to see the finished poetry - we will be collating an anthology from across the partnership!



School Council

Each class has now elected a new set of school council representatives. In order to undertake the position, the children prepared and presented a speech explaining why they would make a great candidate for the role. All children cast a vote and we are pleased to announce the list of children who were elected below: Well done to these children and thank you to all who applied!

Year 1: Ashto, Riva
Year 2: Samual, Thaddeq
Year 3: Harry, Leila
Year 4: Denvar, Ola
Year 5: Maya, Kye
Year 6: Shylah, Tyler, Leo



This year, the children will be working on 'Experience Passports' – compiling a list of opportunities and initiatives that should be available to all children in school. They will also be working alongside our Eco Council to maintain our Eco Green Flag status.

House Captains 2022-2023

Congratulations to the following children for becoming this year's House Captains and Vice Captains:



Beaulieu

House Captain: Eri
Vice/Sports Captain: Bailee

Itchen

House Captain: Lena
Vice/Sports Captain: Ethan

Test

House Captain: Evie
Vice/Sports Captain: Dawid

Hamble

House Captain: Owen
Vice/Sports Captain Ellie:

Captains will support their house teams in our three half termly competitions – one academic, one charity and one sport based.

In Autumn 1, after closely fought competitions, Hamble won the times table competition, and Itchen won the cross country and shoe box appeal. The overall half term winner was Beaulieu house. Well done to all our houses.

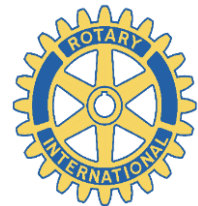
Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all of our parents for attending the parents meetings earlier this month. Hopefully you have all had a chance to catch up with your child's class teacher now. We look forward to watching all of the children continue to progress over the course of the year.

Thank you for all of your support.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for the fabulous effort in filling shoe boxes for the Rotary Shoebox Appeal. These gifts are much appreciated and now on their way to Eastern Europe.



School Applications

Deadline for September 2023 entry:

Year 7 (secondary school) places: **31 October 2021 at 23:59**

Year R (infant/primary school) places: **15 January 2022 at 23:59**

Please ensure you have submitted your applications on time and used all 3 preferences. Late applications can result in your child missing a place at your preferred school.

P.E. kits

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times and that it is labelled. Below are the P.E. days for each year group:

Monday – Year 1

Tuesday – Year 2

Wednesday – Year 3 and Year 4

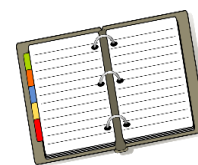
Thursday – Year 5

Friday – Year R and Year 6



Appointments in school time

We appreciate that it is not always possible to make doctor/dentist/hospital appointments outside of school time. If your child does have an appointment during school hours please ensure you notify the school office and the class teacher as far in advance as you can. Please do not be offended if you are asked to provide evidence of the appointment as we require this to approve the absence.



Dates for your Diary

- Monday, 31st October – Deadline for secondary school applications
- Wednesday, 9th November – Open afternoon for September 2023 Year R Intake (2:00- 3:00pm)
- Tuesday, 22nd-Monday, 28th November – Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday, 23rd November – Years R-6 - flu vaccination
- Tuesday, 29th November – Visiting theatre – The Great Christmas Robbery
- Thursday, 8th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (in lieu of non-uniform on last day of term)
- Monday, 12th December – Christmas lunch
- Thursday, 15th December – Years 3&4 – Pantomime at The Mayflower Theatre
- Friday, 16th December – Years 5&6 – Pantomime at The Mayflower Theatre
- Monday, 19th December-Monday, 2nd January 2023 – Christmas holiday
- Tuesday, 3rd January 2023 – Return to school for Spring Term.
- Monday, 9th January – Y6 afternoon visit to Lordshill Library (more details to follow)
- Sunday, 15th January – Closing date for YR applications for September 2023
- Monday, 16th January – Y5 afternoon visit to Lordshill Library (more details to follow)
- Wednesday, 18th January – Year R – Teddy bear hospital
- Monday, 23rd January – Y4 afternoon visit to Lordshill Library (more details to follow)
- Monday, 30th January - Y3 afternoon visit to Lordshill Library (more details to follow)
- Monday, 6th February – Y2 afternoon visit to Lordshill Library (more details to follow)
- Monday, 13th-Friday, 17th February – Spring half term
- Monday, 20th February – return to school
- Monday, 20th February –Year 1 afternoon visit to Lordshill Library (more details to follow)
- Thursday, 2nd March – World Book Day (details to follow)
- Tuesday, 21st March – Class photos
- Monday, 3rd-Friday, 14th April 2023 – Easter holiday
- Monday, 17th April – Return to school for Summer Term.
- Monday, 8th May – Thursday, 11th May – KS2 SATs
- w/c Monday, 15th May 2023 – Yr 5 and 6 Bikeability
- Thursday, 25th & Friday 26th May – disaggregated inset days
- Monday, 29th May – Friday, 2nd June – half term
- Monday, 5th June – return to school
- w/c Monday, 10th July 2023 – Year 6 Residential to Skern Lodge
- Monday, 24th July – Friday, 1st September – Summer holiday

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerida Montague".

Gerida Montague

Executive Headteacher