



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2020 Issue 4

Friday 16th October 2020

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening
4 – 6pm (by phone)

Wednesday 21st October – Parents'
Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm (by phone Y1, Y3,
Y4 and Y5 only)

Thursday 22nd October – Parents' Evening
5 – 7pm (by phone)

Friday 23rd October – PTA Event – Autumn
Celebration

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th

October Half-term

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day school
closed

Wednesday 18th November – Individual
Photographs tbc.

Thursday 19th October – Year 2 Scooter
Training (2T) PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE
OF DATE

Thursday 26th November – Year 2 Scooter
Training (2D)

Friday 27th November - INSET Day school
closed

Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term

Monday 22nd December – Friday 1st

January Christmas Holidays

Ofsted Visit

You will also know that we had a visit from Ofsted. This was not an inspection and unfortunately for the two inspectors the current restrictions meant they were unable to see our fantastic pupils and staff at work. As you may be aware, Ofsted is carrying out a national programme of visits to schools to build a picture of how education in England is recovering after the COVID-19 lockdown. No evaluation or grading will be provided it was merely an opportunity for us to share what we have, are and will be putting in place to support our pupils and our community.

Dear Parents,

I would like to start my newsletter with a thank you to all of you and your children for the very sensible way that you have dealt with the news that one of our bubbles has had to close because of a confirmed case.

A particular thank you has to go to Mrs Desouza and Mrs Gordon who are hard at work providing remote learning and of course to the wonderful pupils and parents of Turtle class who have really embraced our new online learning offer with enthusiasm and patience.

We continue to work hard to ensure our site remain safe and that our community continues to thrive. This week we were visited by the Health and Safety Executive who are looking into how schools are managing the risks around COVID 19 and I am sure you will find it reassuring to know that they were impressed with the comprehensive measures we have put in place.

These measures are only successful because of the continued efforts of pupils, parents and staff so thank you for following the rules both on and off the school site.

Google Classroom

With one bubble isolating we have had a chance to put into practice our new remote learning offer which will provide your child with live teaching as well as the facility to watch recordings of these lessons if they are unable to attend.

I am very appreciative to all the staff for their hard work getting this up and running. I am also thankful to our parents for their patience with any glitches we have faced and to our pupils who have taken to it like the true digital natives that are and put us all to shame!



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Please make sure you check your child's google classroom logon and use it at least weekly for their homework so that we all remain familiar with how it works. This will help us ensure as seamless as possible a transition between school and remote learning.

You should complete any homework in your child's green book and they can bring it into school to be marked. There is no need to upload homework unless instructed.

We will continue using google classroom in school so that children become increasingly familiar with it and are able to use it with greater independence. Long term we will be looking at using google classroom both in and out of school to offer other opportunities for independent and extended learning.

Parents' Evening

As you know we have parents' evenings next week. These are a valuable opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about their return to school and what they are working on.

It will be ten minute telephone conversations. Please try not to go over your 10 minute time allocation and the teachers will also do their best to be prompt. If ten minutes is not enough remember you can always arrange an additional appointment.

PTA Meeting

Thank you to all those who organised, attended and contributed to the first PTA meeting of the year.

It was great to catch up with so many parents and hear all of your fantastic ideas. It is such a blessing to have such supportive and enthusiastic parents at our school.

Autumn Celebration - Friday 23rd October

The PTA is excited to be holding its first event of the term on Friday 23rd October. The 'Autumn Celebration' is for the children only and will take place during the school day.

All children are invited to come to school in fancy dress on the day - uniform will not be required, but please keep in mind that PE classes will be proceeding as normal. Also please make sure your child's costume is not too frightening and does not include a mask. They will then attend a mini disco in the school hall (in their bubbles), and have a snack, a drink and some fun activities in their classroom afterwards.

We are asking for a contribution of £2 per child for the event - please make this payment via SCOPAY if you can, although it can also be given at the school gate on the day.

Thank you in advance to the school and staff for their help with this event. We hope that the children enjoy having a chance to celebrate the season with their friends before the half term break!

Headteacher's Awards for Exceptional Work

All the children in our school are stars but those listed below shone a little brighter over the last week:

Year 6D – Blue Whales

Alexia Boghossian

Year 6F - Orcas

Evan Carlton

Tom Harrison

Year 5 – Manta Rays

Ivy Akpabio-Klementowska

Rosie O'Connell

Year 3 – Seals

All of Seal Class did a fantastic job with their work this week – Well done to your all!



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 **Well done to the children listed below who were Diving Deep this week:** 

Seahorses – Abby Black
Turtles – Jimmy Lin
Starfish – Veronica Luzieto
Angel Fish – Emilia O'Reilly
Seals – Harriet Fox
Dolphins – Jack Pepper
Manta Rays – Alice Rafferty
Blue Whales – Gabriel Bartolotta
Orcas – Alicia Maciejewska

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Mrs Hughes, Headteacher