



'Growing & Learning Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time of year again, already it has begun to feel colder and darker and the first half term has flown by. This half term we have said goodbye to two valued member of staff; Mrs Hanrahan and Mrs Batterham. Mrs Batterham leaves us after 23 years of service to the school. We wish them both every success. We also welcome a new member of staff Miss Watson who joins us in Redwood class.

Thank you for William and Eliza for their ideas for a new school logo, we will take on board their ideas and be looking to design a new letter head for the school. We also congratulate Lexi Mae, Eloise C and Eloise F and Finlay on their successful appointment as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer on the school council. I look forward to working with all our school council representatives to hear the pupil voice and make improvements to the school.

We were grateful to attend the Church today for a Thanksgiving service from Reverend David and Barbara Church and listen to the beautiful organ music. This time of year is a great chance to take a moment and reflect on all the things we are thankful for; including a webinar from Michael Morpurgo, Sport leaders coaching, Bikeability, and a parents reading workshop.

We also have our first pumpkin carving competition and look forward to seeing one entry per family on Thursday 20th October. We had the pleasure of exploring the world religion of Judaism, thank you to our guests Mr and Mrs Parker, who shared their amazing knowledge with us.

It was so lovely to have the first Parent's Evening face to face in school for the first time in three years. We thank you for your support and look forward to sharing these upcoming events with you.

- 20th October – Flu Vaccines in school, please complete online consent form
- 21st Oct – Non uniform day for donations for the King's Lynn Night shelter or Food bank (food or toiletries please)
- 24th – 28th October – Half Term
- 2nd November – KS2 Cross County Event for selected pupils
- 11th November – Remembrance Assembly; scouts/ brownies may wear their uniforms
- 18th November – Non –uniform day for Children in Need
- 24th November – SATs Information evening – Year 6
- 12th & 13th December – KS1 Nativity Play 1.45pm
- 14th December – Christmas Lunch
- 15th December KS2 Carol Service at Church
- 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day, KS1 Christingle Service in school

Attendance

Congratulations to Chestnuts who have won the attendance cup for 4 weeks in a row, Willow class took the trophy in the 5th week and Cherry in the 6th week. Please let's keep attendance high. Any attendance that falls below 90% is of a concern, this equates to more than 1 day off in a fortnight and lost learning time. For more information on attendance please see our website.

Uniform and Equipment:

Please could you ensure all jumpers, coats and snack boxes are named, we are having a large amount of unnamed clothing left behind each week.



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Extra-Curricular Activities

Afterschool sports clubs are continuing after half term and we are adding to the options. These are charged at £3.75 per session and can be booked and paid for via ParentPay or via the ICS link for football. All sessions run from 3.20-4.20pm. If the club you are attending is not the same day as your child's PE day, please bring kit to change into.

- Monday – Dance with Miss Ella
- Tuesday – Football with Mr Porter OR Craft Club KS1
- Wednesday - Netball
- Thursday – Craft Club KS2

After half term the new winter menu starts, please book your meals in the usual way, the new menu is on our school website and has been shared on ClassDoJo.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Don't forget the clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday 30th October.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Chapman

Headteacher