



**Headteacher**  
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23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents

Another two weeks have whizzed past – and so much has happened, both nationally as well as at school. Unfortunately, several of the staff have been unwell with Covid, but they are all back now. It has been lovely to welcome all the new children to Daisies, Poppies and Snowdrops. They are doing amazingly and settling so quickly. Thank you for your support with this. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 are also learning all the new routines so quickly and remembering and modelling the school values so well. I have enjoyed spending time with the Champions at Champion Club each week. Well done to those children who have already been chosen as Champions.

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been enjoying their 'Love to read' sessions sharing books together and then bringing a book home to share. As explained in the recent parent meetings, our reading system is changing this year following our Ofsted report. We have started using a new Phonics scheme, so the children will also be bringing home a phonic book to read, based on the phonics they have been learning each week. In the next couple of weeks, there will also be parent information sheets either added to the website or emailed out which will explain what phonics the children are learning each week.

#### Topic Webs

The topic webs for each year groups topic this term will be added to the website next week. This will give you an overview of what your child will be learning about this half term. Please do ask if you have any questions or if you have anything that would support the topic.

#### Parent Drop ins

I know a few parents dropped in last week, to have a cup of coffee and a chat. But how else can we support you as parents to meet other parents and get involved in school life? Any good ideas please email the year group email.

#### Fundraising

We are very aware that with increasing energy costs and the increasing cost of living, fundraising will be really hard this year. We have made the decision that we will only support local charities and the school this year. We wanted to make you aware of things that will involve asking for a financial contribution this term so that you can plan ahead.

School Photos – if you wish to buy these (October).

Christmas Cards – later this term the children will be making Christmas cards that are then printed by a local company and you can buy if you wish. (October)

Elf Run – this involves sponsorship and the money raised is for Phyllis Tuckwell (December).

I know that FOPs will also be planning some events. Don't forget the AGM on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

### What's App Groups

I know that most year groups have a What's App group to help each other remember things and generally support each other. Can I please remind you that these should only be used for that purpose. Unfortunately, last week, the code for the gate to after school club was shared on a group – this is a safeguarding issue and puts the children at risk. It has been sorted now and the code has been changed.

### Thank you

A huge thank you to the two kind Dads who came and broke up all the old furniture by the bin compound and then took it to the tip. It is really appreciated and it looks so much tidier now.

### School Photos

These will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September and you have already received a separate email about these. If you wish to have a family photo before school starts, please complete the form as soon as possible. Year 1 have PE on Thursdays – the photos will only be of their head and shoulders so they can still wear jogging bottoms or leggings. You might want them to wear a polo shirt with a collar rather than a round necked t-shirt on that day.

Daisies – if your child is not in Daisies on a Thursday and you would like them to have a photo, you are welcome to bring them to Cherry Blossom Hall (at the front of the school) at 9.30am.

### Parent Helpers

We are just starting to welcome parent helpers back into school after Covid, so if you would be interested in helping on a regular basis, please firstly speak to your child's class teacher and then collect a Parent Helper pack from the School Office so that we can complete all the necessary checks and paperwork. If you have a specific skill that you would like to share with/teach the children, again speak to your child's class teacher.

### Water Bottles

Please can I remind you that all children need a water bottle and only to put water in it, not squash please. Please can you not put these in the children's book bags as they do sometimes leak and this will then spoil any reading books or library books that may be in there. Thank you for your help with this.

Have a good weekend.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

### **Dates for Diaries**

Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School Photos
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm FOPs AGM
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>INSET DAY (SCL running)</b>

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
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<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>INSET DAY (SCL running)</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccinations

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Elf Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell  
1.15pm Finish – last day of term