



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

20th October 2022

Dear Parents

Don't forget, INSET Day tomorrow so school is closed. All staff are doing Safeguarding training so the office will be closed in the morning. It is also INSET Day on Monday 31st October, so school will start again on Tuesday 1st November.

I can't believe we are at the end of the first half term!! Where has the time gone? It has been a really busy half term and the children have settled so well. We are really proud of them all. They have made new friends, had lots of fun as well as learning lots of new things. After half term, each year group will be sending a newsletter home with photos and information of things from this half term – as parents often tell us when they ask their children, they say they have done 'nothing!!'

Parents Evenings

It has been lovely to see parents coming for parents' evenings. Hopefully you have found these useful and been able to ask any questions you had. The teachers have enjoyed meeting with you all and sharing things about your child.

Thank you for using Arbor to book your appointment slot – I know there were a few teething problems initially but hopefully this system worked. It was certainly better for us. If you have any feedback, please let us know.

Arbor

Thank you for your patience and understanding using Arbor to pay for Christmas cards/other Christmas goodies. I know that we have had a few problems setting this up so that you could order more than one thing. As I have said before, we are still learning, so thank you for bearing with us. We will get there!!

NUTS

Please, please, please can you help us by making sure there are no nuts, or anything with nuts in, in your child's lunch box. We do have children with severe nut allergies in school and they will have a severe reaction/anaphylactic shock if they come into contact with nuts. It is our responsibility to keep all children safe and we can only do this with your help.

Phonics Workshop Thursday 10th November 7-8pm

Lots of parents have spoken to us about phonics and wanting to understand more about it. With this in mind, we are running a parent workshop to explain what phonics is, how it is one way to support reading, the new phonics scheme we are using and how you can support your child with phonics at home. There will be lots of opportunities to ask questions and get involved. Please don't be put off coming because you feel you don't understand – just come along and listen. I promise we will not make you have a go at anything if you don't want to!!

Reading books

Linked to our phonics, the children are starting to bring home their phonic reading books. Many of these books are brand new and have been paid for by school and donations from FOPs (so far a total of £3430). We are just buying a plastic wallet for each child that will fit in book bags so we can protect these books.

Please could you help us by taking care of these books and not putting water bottles in book bags as they could leak. If a book does get damaged, we will be asking for £5.00 to replace it.

Tissues and Soap

As you will know, there have been lots of germs going around this half term. We are constantly reminding children to wash their hands properly and blow their nose!! As you can imagine, we are getting through lots of hand soap and tissues. We would really appreciate if every family could please donate a bottle of hand soap and a box of tissues to their child's class.

Team Wilder

Please see attached separate email from Mrs Whittaker with updates and photos.

Please remember if you are not sure about anything written in the newsletter, or you would like a paper copy, please just ask.

Have a lovely half term.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Fri 21st Oct

INSET DAY

Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct

Half Term

Mon 31st Oct

INSET DAY (SCL running)

Thurs 10th Nov

7pm Phonics Workshop for parents

Wed 23rd Nov

Flu Vaccinations

Fri 2nd Dec

Elf Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

Fri 16th Dec

1.15pm Finish – last day of term