



## Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Dear Parents & Carers

### **New Parent – Presentation, coffee & chat**

Parents of children in Reception are welcome to a meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15. There will be a short presentation on Early Reading and our curriculum, followed by a coffee and chat session with Miss West, Mr Simmons & Mrs Newbold.

### **Parent Teacher Consultations**

Due to external circumstances, Otter class meetings will now be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We will offer priority slots for Otter class parents with siblings in other classes on the Tuesday night, and these will be available for signing up for on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> October, please come to the office.

Sign-up sheets for all of the meetings will be placed in the main foyer on Tuesday afternoon (5<sup>th</sup> October).

### **Child Protection and Safeguarding**

At the start of each academic year we update our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy to reflect changes made to the law in the [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) document.

Like all of our policies, [this is available on our website](#).

It is the most important of our policies – this is reflected in the fact that it's 121 pages long!

Laws to prosecute people accused of child cruelty have been in force since the 1880s. Over time a range of factors, including the inquiries following high profile child abuse deaths, have led to the child protection system we have in place today.

Both teaching and support staff receive safeguarding training on an annual basis as a minimum. This covers how safeguarding is at the heart of what we do in school; the 4 main types of abuse and how to spot them; specific safeguarding

issues that staff need to be aware of and how to spot them; and how to act in a child's best interests.

All regular visitors are shown how to respond to a disclosure or concern. This includes making sure a child is aware that the adult will have to pass the information on. All concerns are passed onto to a Designated Safeguarding Lead. These members of staff have a higher level of training, which is renewed every 2 years.

Mr Simmons is our Designated Safeguarding Lead, with Mrs Newbold and Mrs Coxon as Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

When concerns are passed onto Designated Safeguarding Leads, we have to make a decision about whether we pass our concerns up to the West Sussex Safeguarding Team. We will always inform a parent before we do so, unless informing a parent would put the child at risk of further harm.

Fortunately, the need for such action is rare in our school. That does not make us less alert. In the last academic year our DSLs received a number of concerns. Some of these were passed onto West Sussex Safeguarding Team, others were clarified following a conversation with Parents & Carers.

## **Diary dates**

### **October**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Assembly

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Otter Class trip to Guildford Museum

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccination

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent teacher consultations (late)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent teacher consultations (early)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

### **November**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Messy Church in community room

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Open Morning for Reception 2022 parents

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Open Afternoon for Reception 2022 parents

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability for Year 6

### **December**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas performance 9.15am

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas performance 9.15am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – INSET day (school closed)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – INSET day (school closed)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm