

## Newsletter 9 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **Dear Families,**

What a fun packed first week back we've had despite the weather! Reception children had a brilliant trip on Tuesday to Rosliston Forestry Centre and loved meeting the owls. The damp weather did not hinder their spirits at all. Then yesterday, Katie (Community Champion) from Asda came to do fruit tasting with the Reception class so they got to try lots of unusual fruits that they might never have tried before! See the photographs of both events below and don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see these events as they happen. Class One have been having great fun with their new topic: Moon Zoom and discovery the space capsule in their role play area in preparation for their visit to the Space exhibition at the Think Tank in Birmingham. I can't wait to hear how they get on!

**Department for Education (Dfe) visit:** We have recently been notified of our next Dfe visit which will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. As a new school, we do not have an Ofsted until the third year of opening which will be next academic year so in the meantime, the Dfe visit to ensure that everything is on track for the school to be at least good at its first inspection. Our External Expert for this visit is Mr George Bulman and he will spend the day viewing the teaching and learning, chatting to the children, checking safeguarding procedures and looking at the children's books. He has also asked to talk to parents as you arrive to collect your children at the end of the day. So please do stop and have a chat and let him know how your child is doing at school. The report that is produced is not a public document unlike an Ofsted report and is only shared with the Governors and the Trust (REACH2), however, I will share the main findings of the day with you via our newsletter. We are very much looking forward to showing all we have achieved so far with the children and all the things we are doing.

**Open Events:** As previously mentioned, we have our Open Events coming up very soon, please see below. These are for prospective parents for both Nursery and Reception class 2020. Please do spread the word about these. Your recommendation is the best advertisement we could have!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9:30-10:30am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 6-7pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1:30-2:30pm

**Footwear:** As the weather is getting colder, your child may want to wear boots rather than shoes to keep them warm. Please ensure they are plain black with as few zips and accessories on them as possible so they remain in keeping with our school uniform. The soles of them should also be black. We constantly receive compliments about how smart our children look by visitors to the school and the correct footwear plays a huge part of this, so please do all you can to support this.

**Christmas Cards for you to order:** Before half term, the children designed some lovely Christmas cards that can be made into actual cards for you to order and send to your friends and family. It's another fundraising initiative for the school as we receive a small percentage of all sales while giving parents a chance to send a very personalised Christmas card in the upcoming season. Please see the details of how you can order on the sample card that is enclosed with the newsletter today. If you wish to order any cards, please return your order with the payment to school by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Little Stars After School Club:** This is now held at school and the children are collected from the classroom at 3:15pm and taken up to one of our Year 2 classrooms which will be the home for Little Stars this academic year. A timetable of activities includes using the hall for games

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some afternoons and table top games and crafts in the classroom as well as using the interactive whiteboard. If you book a place with Little Stars for your child on a daily or ad hoc basis, there's no need to let the school office know as Kirsty (Little Stars Manager) will share the register with us before the end of the school day so that we are aware of who is going to the club and who isn't. Please contact Kirsty on: 07487638083 for more details.

**Poppies:** Thank you to everyone that bought a poppy or related item. It's such a great cause and one that we will be marking with the children on Monday in our whole school Remembrance Day assembly where we will (attempt) to hold a minute's silence with our Reception children. Poppies will be on sale Monday too.

**Anti-bullying Week:** Next week is national Anti-bullying Week and all our assemblies will be around this week to raise the children's awareness about this and what to do if they feel they are being bullied. This fits in very well with this half-term's Harrier Value of 'Respect'. On Monday the children started to learn what this important value means and how they can show it to people around them, themselves and the environment.

**Children in Need:** Next Friday is Children in Need day and it's one of those fundraising events that the children can really relate to and which we love to support. So on Friday, the children can wear their own clothes for a donation of £1 that goes straight to Children in Need. I'm sure there will be lots of Pudsey ears and other merchandise that they might like to wear too! Our cook, Miss Karina, will be baking special Pudsey Bear biscuits which the children will be able to buy at breaktime for £1. The teachers will talk to the children about this charity and the work it does throughout the day. Unfortunately, I am on a course next Friday in Milton Keynes so won't be there to join in the fun but I will certainly be keeping my eye on Twitter to see the photographs!

**Harrier Award:** As mentioned, this half term's value is 'Respect' and Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen Evie to receive the Harrier Award this week. This is because she has shown great respect while working with her partner by being a good listener, making eye contact and smiling as her partner spoke. Wouldn't it be a lovely world if we all did that Evie! In Class One, Miss Coxon, Mrs Morgan and Miss Imran have chosen Nova. Nova has been picked for being respectful to the environment. Not only does Nova play an active part in being an Eco Harrier, she has also been putting things away in the classroom and making sure it is clean and tidy! Well done Nova and thank you!

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With very best wishes,

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