

Newsletter 4 - Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone that contributed in some way or another to our truly wonderful Macmillan Coffee morning today! It was a huge success and such a great reason to get together and have a cup of coffee as well as having an opportunity to see how brilliantly the children are settling into this new academic year! I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the lovely songs that the Reception Class have been learning and didn't they do well up there on the stage? I can't wait to see what they will perform at the Harvest Festival in a few weeks! Class One did an amazing job with their Talk for Writing text 'Superworm'. I can't believe how quickly they have learnt it and how confidently they performed it! One very proud head teacher! I will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter. We were astounded by how many raffle tickets were sold and for the lovely prizes donated; a special thank you to Summer's Mum for making the beautiful swan cake. Thank you one and all for your generosity!

Catering Assistant Required: Due to our increase in numbers, a position has become available in our kitchen for a Catering Assistant. It is for 7.5 hours a week, 11:45am-1:15pm daily, with an hourly rate of £8.21. As the school continues to grow, the hours will increase for this post. If you know of anyone that might be interested in this opportunity, please do let them know. Applicants need to complete an application form that's available from our school office or from our website and send to Kelly.chisholm@compass-group.co.uk along with a CV.

Pre-owned uniform: several parents have suggested having a pre-owned uniform rail for parents to donate uniform that no longer fits, giving the opportunity for other parents to make a donation for the items which will go directly into buying more books for our Eco library. This initiative helps in lots of different ways. It not only helps to buy more things for the children but means that parents can buy uniform at a good price as well as supporting our sustainable living ethos. We are hoping to launch this in the next couple of weeks. If you have any good quality uniform that no longer fits, please wash and send into school.

Uniform: On the subject of uniform, we have had several reports from parents that our new whiteboard pens are almost impossible to wash off the children's uniform! We bought more expensive whiteboard pens this year as they last longer. It seems they last so long that they don't come out of anything! We are busy researching other pens to buy to replace these so that this doesn't keep happening. We bought a small pack to try and tested them on an old school blouse and it washed out beautifully...however it stained the whiteboard and wouldn't come off the whiteboard when the children tested it out! So we will continue to hunt down a whiteboard pen that both comes out of clothes and off whiteboards!

Just another couple of uniform reminders:

- Ties are an integral part of our school uniform and should be worn every day. I am noticing several children that are not wearing them, please can you ensure your child is wearing theirs every day please? We pride ourselves on being a smart school which is

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often commented by visitors. When children are not in complete school uniform, it affects this.

- Stud earrings - if a child's ears are pierced they should only be wearing a small stud earring. We request that where possible, children do not wear earrings to school on a P.E. day. This is Wednesdays for Reception Class and both Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Class One.
- Water bottles must contain water not squash or juice. Sugary drinks are very damaging for children's teeth, therefore only plain water is allowed in the children's water bottles. Please do not send in anything else as your child will not be allowed to drink it.

Thank you as always for your cooperation in these matters. It is very much appreciated.

Parent Governor: Just a reminder that the parent governor application forms came out this week and the deadline is 9am on **MONDAY 7th OCTOBER**. Please do give this role careful consideration. It is a vital role for the effective running of a school and we want to make sure we have the best governors to do this and that could very well be you!

Parent Consultation Sessions: Coming home today is a letter about Parent Consultations: when they are and how to sign up for your session. We very much look forward to seeing you there!

Grandparents' lunch: We are all very excited to welcome our grandparents in on Wednesday for our special lunch. Please remind your family members that the Grandparents Lunch for Reception class starts at 12pm followed by Class One starting at 12:30pm. This ensures that everyone can be served in a timely manner.

INSET DAY - Friday 4th October: next Friday is an INSET Day. INSET Day stands for 'In Service Training Days' and schools are allocated five each academic year. On Friday, we will have Talk for Writing training to ensure we are as up to date with this way of teaching writing as possible. Children are not in school on that day.

Harrier Award: This week we have been looking closely at how we can take care of our environment with litter and keeping our things tidy. Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile chose **Archie Hill** this week for showing great perseverance with putting everything away, he even managed to find a lid to a whiteboard pen that no one else could find! Great detective work Archie! Similarly in Class One, Miss Coxon and Mrs Morgan have chosen **Emily Hornsby** for how she has taken care of things in the classroom and not stopped until everything was back in its place! Wow with children like this in our school, we know that our environment is going to be really well taken of. Thank you to you both!

I'm already looking forward to hearing what other amazing children are doing next week. Have a great weekend!

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