



Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together'

NEWSLETTER 3 – FRIDAY 20th JANUARY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, that week flew by! A fabulous week with plenty of learning and exploring taking place. I enjoyed a great morning in Beech today where we learnt about Chinese New Year, discovered more about the Year of the Rabbit and completed a variety of different tasks including noodle tasting using chopsticks. I also spent time in Sycamore and Chestnut this week and next Friday I will be teaching Maple class and Miss Davis will have some time to look at the curriculum areas she is leading in the school.

We welcomed Mr Stuart Smith (no relation) to our school team this week as our new Site Supervisor. He has already been a very visible face around school and has sorted and fixed many things for us which is amazing. There are statutory duties he will be doing as well as jobs to enhance school. I know you will make him feel very welcome to our school team. On Monday the trim trail equipment was fixed which is great news allowing children to now use all that at play and lunchtime.

This week, as staff, we have been getting to grips with a new teaching tool - Ed Shed - purchased for us by the PTFA. This has two main focuses for use 1) to deliver spelling lessons in school that match the expectations of each year group but also 2) allow children to practice the spelling patterns they are learning at home online, as well as key math skills with some fun games. This has I know already proved popular with the children! As we are all learning the functions and scope of the program there maybe a few hiccups that we make – we have identified that accidentally, Miss Davis set her spelling pattern meant for her class to the whole school! We hope this has now been rectified and apologies if some children had some rather tricky words to deal with!

This week the PTFA also met to discuss the rest of the year's annual planned events, think about spending some of the already raised funds as well as discuss new projects and fundraising ventures – they will send out a letter in due course sharing all the plans ahead.

Today you will receive our schools PSHE/RSE policy. Personal Social health and Emotional Education coupled with Relationships and Sex Education are statutory elements of the curriculum we have to teach but it is also vital that we share with you what we are delivering. I hope the policy and parent guide help you in this but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

As has been in the news, there are some strikes days planned by teachers and staff in the NEU in the coming weeks. As soon as I am able, I will share with you if and how this will affect our school. The first planned strike day is Wednesday 1st February.

Those who signed up for clubs are all successful to start them next week – we do have some spaces available in all the clubs – today a paper version will come home – please return on Monday so we can assign everyone before starting on Tuesday.

Diary – WB – 23rd Jan

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Swimming for Y5/6
 Equilore Horse Therapy
 pm for 4 x children in
 Y3/4

Thursday

Friday

9am VIP assembly
 PM Forest School for
 Chestnut class

School Facebook Page

We will be using the school Facebook page to share all the wonderful things happening in school a. It is important to recognise this is not a place for parents to generally chat about school but a place for us to celebrate what is happening. There are other channels within school to communicate to us your thoughts, feelings and questions e.g. email or pop in and speak to us.

| Class | Headteacher Value Award | Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Award | Sport – Determination |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beech | Lucie H | Ronnie F, Caitlin F | Max W |
| Chestnut | Jasper R | George W, Monty S | Archie-James N |
| Sycamore | James C | George F, Meredith S | Lewis B |
| Maple | Reuben S | Aimee C-C, Oliver W | Oscar L |

Thank you to the 37 families who completed the **parent questionnaire**. The results will be shared with next weeks newsletter.

Attachments:

PSHE RSE Policy
 WUW You Tube
 Sycamore/Chestnut Trip
 to Synagogue letter
 (Wed -paper)
 Club form (paper)

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Sarah Smith
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Kaye Green
Governor Responsible for Safeguarding – Mrs Claire Barrett

Attendance Figure - for the whole school this academic year: 93.51%
 Target 96%