

# Newsletter 13 October 2023

Word of the Week –  
expressive



## DIARY DATES 2023/24

### November

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Consultations

2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 4 PTA Sale

7<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 Nutcracker Show – 9.30am

Yr 2 Nutcracker Show – 10.30am

15<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Morning

17<sup>th</sup> – PTA Winter Disco

24<sup>th</sup> – PTA Non-uniform day

30<sup>th</sup> – Reception Nativity

### December

4<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Week

5<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Morning

7<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 trip to Royal Opera House

7<sup>th</sup> – PTA Wreath Making

8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Time in Nursery

11<sup>th</sup> – Reception to Chickenshed

13<sup>th</sup> – Yr1 and 2 Christingle Carols @ 9am

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service @ 6pm

14<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1,2,3 to the Panto

18<sup>th</sup> – Junior Christmas Show @ 6pm

19<sup>th</sup> – Junior Christmas Show @ 1pm and 6pm

20<sup>th</sup> – School closes @ 2pm

### Christmas Break

### January 2024

8<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

9<sup>th</sup> – Back to School

12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Break the Rules Day

15<sup>th</sup> – Yr6 Learning Café – 9am

16<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 Learning Café – 9am

17<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3 Learning Café – 9am

18<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 Learning Café – 9am

19<sup>th</sup> – Yr 2 Learning Café – 9am

22<sup>nd</sup> – Yr 4 Learning Café – 9am

23<sup>rd</sup> – Reception Learning Café – 9am

### Message from Mrs Bacon

Welcome back – I hope you were able to enjoy some quality time with your children and families. In a time when there seems to be so much sadness and cruelty in the world – we must be grateful for the times to pause and remember how lucky we are.

Here we are in Autumn 2, the run up to Christmas. I was talking to the children this morning about the importance of pacing ourselves, especially when we know we are about to be faced with a busy time. We have so much planned – please take note of the diary dates and see if you can find the opportunity to take part in any of the events. I really hope the children enjoy all the fun things planned for them by both the PTA and staff.

### Saying Goodbye

It is with regret that at the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Underwood our SENCO. She has worked at the school for 11 years and as a SENCO for 3 years. She has been a great support to our children, staff and parents and she will be missed. She will be embarking on a new challenge outside of education – I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success.

We have appointed a new and very experienced SENCO who is very excited to be joining us in January – she will be joining us for the coffee morning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – it will be nice to see you there and to welcome her to our school community.

### Message from Success Club

As the weather gets colder don't let it stop you getting outdoors into nature. This time of year there are so many changes to observe in the world around us, and it's a feast for the senses! Did you know that being outside is much better for our immune systems, our mental health and our problem solving! Why not take a calming walk this week?

### Governors' Maintenance Fund

It is that time of year again, when we request your contributions to the Governor's Maintenance Fund – you would have received the letter and request for Gift Aid on Monday. Only 58% of our community paid in full last year – please can you support us with a one of payment of £40 on Parent Pay which will help us with those Building Repair jobs. Many Thanks

### School Dinners

So, finally we have gone live with our pre-ordering system. Thank you to those of you who have preordered, we hope you have found the system useful and user friendly. If you haven't done so, please login and try to do so at your earliest convenience.

As stated in my letter we will honour an 8am deadline on Monday mornings for the first month but moving forward preordering will have to be a week in advance. Remember you can make it easy for yourself and order for up to 5 weeks in advance.

Thank you also to those of you who have explained to us any difficulties you have encountered with logging in. We are in conversation with the service provider and we hope all teething problems are resolved within the week.

Looking forward to seeing the impact it has on our lunch times – after we overcome teething problems.

### Photos of the Month



Miss Smith (PE Lead) has organised many competitions for our Sports Teams already this year – Football, Netball and Cross Country. They have been doing us proud – well done to Mr Smith and the Girl's Football team pictured above.



Year 2 went to St Michael's Church where they learnt about weddings in the Christian Faith and enjoyed some roleplay.

God of love, We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war. Instead of hatred, let there be love. Shelter your children and protect us.

Have a blessed month - Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher