



# Headteachers' Bulletin

## October 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The first half of the Autumn Term is now well under way. The children have all made an excellent start to their new year groups, especially our new Reception children who are now coming into school by themselves! Their confidence and independence is wonderful to see.

Half term is approaching quickly, but we still have lots of learning and special events to come before then including an 'Aspirations Day' which many of you have kindly agreed to support with. Read on for more information.



### Year 2 Responsibilities

Congratulations to those Year 2 children who applied and have been successful in gaining a leadership position within our school. We now have a full School Council who will be leading some work towards us gaining the Silver UN Rights of the Child award as well as ensuring a Pupil Voice is heard across the school. Playground Buddies, House Captains, E-Safety Champions and Librarians have also been appointed and will have important tasks to do across the year. Well done and good luck Year 2 leaders!



### Archant Books for Schools

Please cut out and collect books for schools tokens from your newspapers. Our librarians will be counting the tokens and are hoping to have enough for some free books.



### Cookery Room is Officially Open!

Thank you to Dr Tim Kinnaird, Joe Wicks, Mr and Mrs Snowling and all the parents and children who supported our grand opening.



Let the baking begin!

### Parent Responsibility

Please be reminded that parents/carers are responsible for their children until 8.55am. Y1 and Y2 teachers are on the playground at 8.50am. Children can be left to line up at 8.50am with agreement from the teacher.



### **School Matters!**



### Attendance

Our target is 96%. Results for September:

Beech Class: 92.7%

Oak Class: 96.6%

Maple Class: 98.4%

Sycamore Class: 97.7%

Congratulations Maple class!

### Census Day Lunch

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October is a school census day. This means that all schools must provide information about their pupils to the local authority on this day. This information is used to decide how much money the school receives for different areas. The amount we are paid for meals for the year is based on the number of meals ordered on this one day. **Please could as many children as possible order a free school meal on Thursday** so that we receive enough money to cover what we pay for meals. Thank you, your support with this is much appreciated.



## Parent/Teacher Meetings



Our Parent/Teacher meetings begin this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October and continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the following week. This year **all meetings will be held in the school hall**. Thank you to everyone for booking your slot with your child's teacher. At your meeting, you will be asked what you think is going well for your child and what you would like to see your child achieve next. The teacher will also share their thoughts on these two questions as well as what your child has discussed with them. We look forward to working with you to support your child to meet their targets.



## Friends Meeting – Everyone Welcome

Please come and support our brand new Friends committee on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.30pm. The added extras our children receive are only possible because of the great support YOU provide! Thank you.

## Sharing Afternoon



Our first Sharing Afternoon is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm. Your child will be able to show you their new classroom and their books ahead of your parent/ teacher meeting. Please come in via the main entrance.

## Safeguarding



Our safeguarding policy has been updated in line with new 2018 documents and will be available on our website by the end of the week.

## Aspirations Day

To support our children to 'Dream Big' they will be finding out about a wide range of jobs that adults do, all thanks to some willing volunteers (no arm bending took place to enable this event!).



## Reading Project

Miss Mattock is leading an 8-week improvement project linked to reading. Infant aged children will be learning at least 5-10 new words every day! Immersing children in books and exploring together the factual or fantastical worlds you can find there supports your child to not only learn new words but to understand them too. All children visit our school library every week but if you would like our library to be open after school, please let Miss Mattock know and we will look to add this to our offer in the future.

## General Reminders

- Please park considerately. Doing so makes our school and the surrounding area safer for everyone. The school car park is for staff only. The car park opposite is for residents only.
- We are outside in most weathers. Please make sure your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day.
- If any of your details or circumstances have changed, please let us know so our records are kept up-to-date.



## Key Autumn Term Dates

Sharing Afternoon – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2.45 – 3.25pm

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October all 3-4pm

30<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December all 3-4pm

Aspirations Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival (children only to Church, parent helpers to walk needed): 15<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Forum: 7<sup>th</sup> November

Health Visitor Drop-In: w/c 12<sup>th</sup> November

Open Afternoon for 2019 intake: 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Christmas Cafes: November 26<sup>th</sup> Beech; 27<sup>th</sup> Oak; 28<sup>th</sup> Maple; 29<sup>th</sup> Sycamore

Christmas Lunch (children only): 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle (children only): 17<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Plays: 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December

