



November 2018



#### New School Year

We have had a quick start to this term already and Christmas is fast approaching.

We have been fortunate to raise £10,000 to develop the school field and build a multi-use track on it. This will be used for walking, running and cycling and will ensure that the field can be used throughout the year.

We have also managed to get over 100 trees that we will be planting soon to create our own forest area which will be used for outdoor learning. This will help us to get the children outside more to learn in different environments.

These two initiatives should hopefully be completed early in the New Year, therefore providing new opportunities for the children.

In this newsletter I have begun to map out the activities for the lead up to Christmas. Some are yet to be fully confirmed but I have provided dates on the reverse of the letter for you to add to your diaries.

Thanks

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# PE Kits

A reminder of what school's PE kit is. This requires children to get changed into the following:

T-shirt: white or light blue Shorts: black or maroon Trainers or sandshoes.

If the children are going outside then a tracksuit can be worn too.

This kit needs to be worn for every PE lesson and in line with Assertive Mentoring a red dojo will be given if the PE kit is not complete



# House Captains

The House Captains have held discussions with the children in school and met with myself to discuss new initiatives that we could introduce.

One of their suggestions was getting water bottles for all the children in school. We discussed this idea and wondered if there would be a possibility in getting a sponsor to buy these on the schools behalf, approximately £250.

So I am asking on behalf of the House Captains if you could ask either your employer or friends if they would be able to sponsor water bottles for all the children in school.

## E-Safety and gaming

Christmas is approaching and children will more than likely be asking for new games for their consoles. Here are some tips from www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

#### Top tips for gaming:

\* Explore parental controls on games consoles. Most games consoles enable parents to apply settings that can help to manage a child's online activities. For more information on enabling parental controls visit Internet Matters.

\* Familiarise yourself with the blocking and reporting functions on the games your child plays, and ensure they know how to use these. It's helpful to sit with your child and go through this together.

\* Continue to have conversations with your child about gaming and their online activity. Reassure your child that they can always talk to you about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable- whether it's the game content or something they've heard when chatting with other users.

\* Learn more about gaming and the PEGI age ratings.

\* Bullying is never okay. If your child is experiencing name calling or harassment while gaming, visit <u>Childline</u> for helpful advice on getting help and support.

# PTFA Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday 23rd November the PTFA are holding a non-uniform day with the fine for coming in in normal clothes is a donation for the PTFA Christmas Fayre.

They are looking for bottles, chocolates and smellies. Please support this event.

# **Upcoming Events**

\* PTFA Non-Uniform Day Friday 23rd November \* PTFA Christmas Fayre Tuesday 4th December — 2.30 — 3.30 pm \* PTFA KS2 Christmas Movie Night Monday 10th December - 3.30 - 5.30 pm \* Drama Performance—The Greatest Show Wednesday 12th December-2.00pm \* PTFA Bingo Night @ The Travellers Wednesday 12th December — 7.00pm \* Whole School Pantomime Friday 14th December—9.15am \* School Christmas Lunch Friday 14th December-11.45am \* School Christmas Performance (1) Tuesday 18th December—10.30 am \* Little Learners Christmas Trip Wednesday 19th December — 9.30am \* School Christmas Performance (2) no young children Wednesday 20th December — 2.00pm \* Christingle Service @ St Paul's Church Friday 21st December — 10.00am \* Last Day of Term Friday 21st December-2.00pm finish \*\* More events are to be added to our Christmas schedule including class parties.

