



# Newsletter - Friday 14th September 2018

## Aim Aspire Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers

After our first full week back I am happy to report a real sense of purpose and energy throughout the whole school. I have been able to visit our classes regularly and, I am pleased to see all pupils working hard and fully engaged in their learning. I am looking forward to reading examples of their 'First of the Month' writing and seeing their pride as they share this with me.

The children are making a real concerted effort to be as quiet as possible when moving through the main building. We are fortunate to have many learning spaces, and consideration for others has been a focus of our attention. During the week, we have peripatetic music teachers and staff working outside of the classrooms delivering specialist lessons, so these efforts are really appreciated by everyone working in the school.

### Pupil Roles and Responsibility

At the start of the year all classes are asked to vote for two school councillors. This democratic process has resulted in a super selection of pupils across the classes. These school councillors represent the views of their peers, and more importantly they are able to have a voice when the regular school council meetings take place. Photos will be on display outside my office for everyone to admire! In addition to this the Y5 and Y6 pupils have completed the process of voting in new Team Captains for each of the school houses – Dart, Okement, Taw and Creedy. These pupils have been selected and were announced in Monday's assembly. They are proudly wearing their shiny new badges and their photos are on display in the hall – thanks to the photographers.

Congratulations to all the successful School Councillors and Team Captains. I am sure you will be a credit to our school.

School Councillors - your badges are on the way. Please remember to take them off before they go in the wash!

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### Nut Allergy

Two pupils have joined the school with severe nut allergies. As a result of this we have decided that pupils are no longer permitted to bring nuts or nut products into the school. Please pay careful attention to this when packing your

child's lunch, as nuts and nut products are often included in ingredients in ways that are not immediately obvious.

### Swimming

Last week I forgot to say a HUGE thank you to all the adults who kept the swimming pool open for the children to enjoy during the summer holidays. It was a fantastic effort and one that many, many children have loved. This was only possible because a dedicated group of parents gave up their time to ensure it was supervised and maintained. Thank you for such a superb effort! For the first time the pupils are using the pool in the Autumn Term. We are very lucky to have this on-site facility and while the temperature remains above the required level we will continue to use it. Keep an eye on the Classroom Dojo for timetable changes.

### Lost Property (or Unlabelled Property)

We make every effort to return property to the rightful owner but many items I have picked up this week have not been labelled. Please help us to return items and keep the school looking tidy by clearly labelling everything, and encouraging your children to return home with all of their belongings.

### Mother and Toddler Group – Little Seedlings

We are delighted to welcome the Mother and Toddler group into our school hall every Friday morning (9–11am). Please see Mrs Grainge in the office who will be able to give you more information if you are interested in attending. We hope it will be a success and will review this in the weeks to come.

I have attached the School Diary Dates to the newsletter this week. Listed are many of the dates you will need to put in your diary now! These will of course be updated as time goes on, but the KEY DATES are in place. Don't forget that you are invited to the Parents/Visitors Assembly which takes place on the LAST Friday of every month. This month's assembly is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, for safeguarding purposes, please may I remind everyone that adults are not permitted to use the main school entrance when leaving the building in the morning. Please use the appropriate exits in good time for us to be ready for the start of lessons.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Chauhan