



Newsletter – No. 3 22nd September 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

This week in assembly, we started to think about how and why we should be kind, linking this to our value of caring. The children came up with lots of ideas and were giving examples of each thing that we thought of. How to share, be kind, be joyful, be patient, helpful and forgive. Over the coming weeks we will be developing these ideas and linking them to being good friends and respectful of one another. Hopefully, you will see your children acts out the things that they tell me they are going to do at home!

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who came to the Year 1 and Year 2 'Meet the teacher' sessions this week. We hope that you found it informative and useful.

Below in the newsletter you will see information about the upcoming online information evening, on Monday 2nd October. I urge you all to logon and attend the session. Last year it was excellently received and proved quite an eye opener for many of us whilst enabling us to see the value of technology in our world and understanding the importance of keeping lines of communication open with our children. As you will be aware things change so rapidly in the online world that it pays to keep up.

You will also see in The Friends' section of the newsletter that they have their AGM and first meeting on Monday evening at 8pm. I am looking forward to seeing lots of you there as we look back over some of the things that they achieved last year and plan for the year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Rock Steady

On Wednesday Squirrel and Badger class enjoyed a special assembly led by James from Rocksteady music school. Rocksteady is a music school which offers fun and inclusive, in school rock and pop band lessons. James introduced the children to some of the instruments that Rocksteady offer tuition in, including: electric drums, electric guitar, keyboard and vocals. The children had lots of fun singing, clapping and dancing along to lots of current and popular songs. We are hoping to be able to offer Rocksteady lessons to our pupils in the near future, so keep your eyes peeled for further information!



Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: Eliza for sorting buttons into colours very carefully! Super thinking!

Squirrels: Gian for showing excellent focus in his learning all week.

Badgers: Alex for writing a wonderful story about your super animal—'Super Owl'.

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Katie for being a caring and respectful member of Rabbit class, a super role model.

Squirrels: Ben for showing great curiosity in topic work.

Badgers: Poppy for being a caring and respectful member of Badger Class!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: Ava M for being resilient and for making a beautiful Autumn tree.

Squirrels: Kenny for being an enthusiastic explorer using your senses.

Badgers: Theo for making a clear set of instructions for others to follow.

Monday 2nd October 8pm—Online Information Evening

On Monday 2nd October there will be an online information evening by The Two Johns who are ex safeguarding police. They will talk us through the current online issues that may affect all children, including our very young children. The Two Johns will share information on how best to support your children to be confident users of technology and support you to deal with issues if they arise. See the poster at the bottom of the newsletter for more information.

An e-mail will be sent out next week giving you all the login details that you will need to be able to join the meeting.

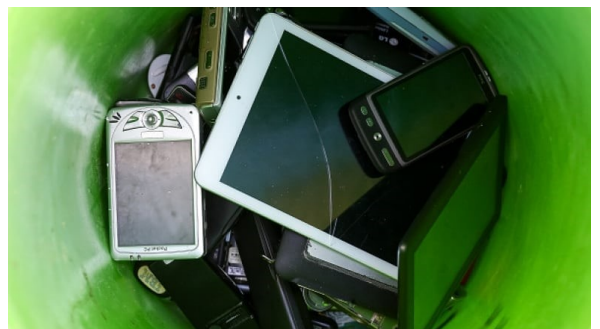
Please note this online meeting will NOT be appropriate for your children to observe.



Technology Recycling Day!

Do you have old laptops or ipads hanging around at home? Do you have a box of old phones you don't know what to do with?

Bring them into school on Friday 29th September to help us to raise money for our school. We will have the items wiped and recycled or sold if possible! Please take the items to your child's classroom on the morning of Friday 29th September where they will be collected!



Message From The Friends

Thank you to everyone who came along last week to buy from our pre-loved uniform sale. Lots of clothes have been saved from landfill, whilst also kick-starting our fundraising year! If you weren't able to make it and there is anything that you need, please do let us know and we will do our best to have a look in our stock for you.

Friends AGM and First Meeting

For those who want to find out more about all the exciting things we have planned for the year ahead, please do not forget to come along to our **AGM and First Friends meeting of the year on Monday 25th Sept at 8pm** in the school hall. It's also a great way to get to know other parents across the year groups. If you've not yet let us know that you are coming, please do drop us an email to plisfriends@gmail.com and we will make sure there is plenty of wine and refreshments.

Fun Family Gardening Day on Sunday 8th October (10am – 2pm).

You can also now sign up to come along to our **Fun Family Gardening Day**. One of the fantastic attributes of the school is our diverse grounds, including the woods, orchard, pond and allotment, where the children learn and explore every day. Needless to say, it's a big job to maintain and our gardening day is great opportunity to bring the whole family along for a few hours to help chop, prune and tidy – no previous experience necessary and plenty of jobs for little hands to help out too. Some TLC is needed for the raised beds in the allotment, so anyone with some woodwork skills please let us know if you can come along! Last year's event was a great day, and the school was looking tip top ready for our open days.

Drinks and biscuits will be available throughout the day, with lunch provided at midday. If you would like to help, please click the link, and fill in your details for lunch - [Gardening Day Form](#)



Message From The Friends—Part 2!

Is it too early to talk about Christmas? Christmas Cards and Products

This term the Friends are organising a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Next week the teachers will be helping each child to create their own Christmas design, which can be professionally printed to produce personalized Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs. Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the Mugs are great for gifts!

Forms with your child's creation will be sent home after they have been created and **MUST be returned to the school by Friday 6th October** to be sent off. Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.



School Open Days

We're already getting ready for the 2024 intake and have a number of open days at the school. It really helps when prospective parents can talk to current parents about their experience at the school, especially as you all have such wonderful things to say about our special school. If you can spare a little time on any of these dates please do speak to Mrs Cummings or Ms Mole.

Wed 11th October 10am – 11.30am & 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Tues 31st October 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Thurs 9th November 10am – 11.30am

Fri 17th November 10am – 11.30am

Mon 4th December 10am – 11.30am

Thurs 4th January 24 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Wed 10th January 24 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Dates

Autumn Term 2023

27th September Skipping Workshop—all classes

29th September Technology Recycling Day

29th September Flu Immunisation's for all classes (Parents must sign up for this online)

2nd October 8pm Parent E-Safety Meeting - Online

9th October—children's Individual school photos

9th October 7pm Reception Curriculum Evening

16th October—Year 2 trip to The Natural History Museum—More details to follow

17th October—Lego Stem Workshops during the day for Year 1 & Year 2

17th October 3pm—4pm—Lego Stem Workshop for Year 1 & 2 only (booking details to follow shortly)

Half Term; 23rd October —27th October 2023—school closed

1st November 2.30pm—3pm Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay & Play for Reception

2nd November—special assembly—Positive Dog Training for all 3 classes

7th & 9th November 3.30pm—7pm—Parents Consultations—More details to follow in due course.

5th & 7th December 9am—9.30am approx —Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

13th December 9am—9.30am approx.—Reception Class Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; Friday 15th December 2023 school closes at 1pm

Do you know that **Minecraft, Roblox and Fortnite** are not as safe as you might think? Do you know by restricting the 'chat' in games, this does not stop your child talking to other people?

Do you know that Having the wrong settings on your Social media apps can expose your young person to grooming or put them at risk from Bullying?

Do you know how **gang culture** and **radicalisation** online affects your child?

Do you what the long term affect **COVID-19** Lockdown has had on your child?

Do you know that **self-generated images** is now common among children in Primary School Years across the county?

Do you know what **media sources** your child forms their opinions from?



Do you know how to
keep your child safe
and show them the
wonders of our digital
world?

'The 2 Johns' will open your eyes to a world we, as adults, didn't grow up in.
Your child is growing up within and into this digital age.

Please save the date to attend this crucial parent support event.

Monday 2nd October 2023 @ 8pm on Zoom

Joining details have been emailed to you.

***This is a parent only event and not suitable for
your children!***