



Newsletter – No. 4 29th September 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

As some of you may know, I am a huge fan of swimming outdoors, particularly in rivers when the water is below 10°C. (If you haven't tried it, I would highly recommend it!) Not only does the experience support my well-being but it also enables me to see our rivers close up. This week however, I have decided to give up one of my swims to sit by the river for 15 minutes to take part in 'The Big River Watch'. This is being organised by The Rivers Trust to help build a picture of the health of the rivers across the country. Although their main weekend, to watch and record what is happening in the rivers, was last weekend it is not too late to take part. Go to <https://theriverstrust.org/take-action/the-big-river-watch> to find out more and get the link to The Big River Watch App. It is easy to use and it made me feel like a citizen scientist! I am sure that many of the children would also love to be citizen scientists and do their bit to make our river clean and healthy.



I hope that many of you are able to find a river to sit by, enjoy and record what you see.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Individual School Photos—Monday 2nd October

Children's individual school photos will be taking place during the morning of **Monday 2nd October**.

Remember to take extra special care when getting ready for school so that you can look your best!



Monday 2nd October 8pm—Online Information Evening

Please join us next Monday 2nd October at 8pm for our annual Online Safety Meeting with The 2 Johns.

The Two Johns are ex safeguarding police who are going to educate us all on the online world and what to do to keep our children safe. Even our very young children are vulnerable to risks when using the internet and we want to ensure they are confident and capable users of technology. We can facilitate this through setting boundaries and knowing what to do to support them to be safe now, and in the future. This meeting really will open your eyes to the current issues affecting young people and their families.

Please click on this link to join the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89897600604>.

THIS MEETING IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO WITNESS, it will contain extremely sensitive themes.

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Crystal** for looking and listening carefully when learning our first phonics sounds!

Squirrels: **Charlie B** for working really hard in reading groups and phonics.

Badgers: **Asher** for showing resilience during our Skipping Workshop this week!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Bailey** for being a kind, fair and respectful member of Rabbit class—you have been so helpful.

Squirrels: **Bella** for being a resilient learner especially in phonics and skipping!

Badgers: **Theo** for super effort in writing this week!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Zac** for sharing enthusiastically, your Forest School knowledge with the class.

Squirrels: **Ben** for working well with your team to create and label a stick skeleton.

Badgers: **Savannah** for creating a brilliant unique 'Traction Man' using natural materials.



Book Recommendation of the Week by Margot Year 1

Dotty Detective—the Lost Puppy by Clara Vulliamy

Margot really likes this book because of the characters 'Dot and Beans' . They are really funny. Mummy and Margot are reading this book for the second time!



Skipping Worshop



Message From The Friends

Thank you to all of those who made it to our AGM on Monday. A great turn out and some fantastic discussion on the events we are already thinking about for the year ahead. Watch this space!

If you're keen to get involved the best place to start is our Volunteers WhatsApp Group, so if you aren't already on there and would like to be, please drop us an email at plisfriends@gmail.com or message Gina directly on 07973484383.

Gardening gloves at the ready - our next event is the **Fun Family Gardening Day on Sunday 8th October (10am-2pm)**. If you haven't done so already please remember to sign up using the [Gardening Day Form](#) so we know how many people we need to provide lunch for.

Please also look out for the **Christmas product forms** which will be making their way to you soon, with your child's beautiful Christmas artwork attached. These can be used to order personalized Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs. Please **DO NOT** remove the art work from the form, and if it is coming loose just re-attach using some glue (Do not Sellotape or staple!). It is **REALLY** important to get these back to the school no later than **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.

Other dates for your diary (more information to follow!)

- Gardening Day Sunday 8th 10 – 2pm
- Halloween Scary hairy and Mufti Day - Friday 20th October
- Halloween Bake Competition and Sale - Friday 20th October
- Christmas activities
 - Santas Grotto – Fri 8th Dec
 - Christmas Crafts in the Class - Fri 8th Dec
 - Christmas Movie Night - Thurs 14th Dec
 - Wreath Making - TBC

Fireworks at Oakfield School

Many of you will have seen the flyer for the Fireworks at Oakfield (We have seen it on some class WhatsApp groups!) In case you haven't and would like to attend here is the information.

Date: Friday 3rd November

Time: Gates open at 5.30pm and Fireworks start at 7pm

Tickets: £7 in advance from The Kit Shop in Fetcham (cash only) or by going to www.trybooking.co.uk/CPDH £9 on the night

We are both smallish schools and we like to support one another! They lend us equipment and this is usually a great local community event.



Technology Recycling Day!

Thank you all for donating to our technology recycling day.



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 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

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

2nd 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.