



# Newsletter Autumn term 2024

## 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have come to the end of what has been a really busy and productive first half term.

The children are fully settled and enjoying their new classes which is lovely to see.

We have already had various visitors to school including our amazing team of reading volunteers; an assembly where the Rotary Club gave all our Y5's a dictionary, Mr Wakefield talking to the Y3 children about fossils and rocks and the local fire brigade coming in to school to do a talk to our reception children. They got very excited hearing the sirens!

Our Year 6's had a fantastic time visiting a solar farm in September where they learnt about renewable energy and the workings of a solar farm.

Our football club for boys and girls has continued to be well subscribed

as does our after-school tennis club. Our school has been represented in many sporting activities this half term including Y5/6 participating in the Rushcliffe football tournament, Y5/6 going to a hockey festival and Y6 attending a football festival. The children not only had a wonderful time but represented our school fantastically well! Thank you to all who took part.

School Council; House/Vice Captains and Value Ambassadors have all been elected and these pupils have already begun work in their new roles. Look out for information about this work in the first edition of Values Voices next half term.

It was lovely to see some of you at the Phonics and KS2 Reading information evenings. Thank you for the positive feedback from these events, it is much appreciated. If you weren't able to attend, information is to follow and we will let you know

when you can find this on our website.

Earlier in the week you should have received correspondence from our Governing Body regarding absence; term-time holidays and the penalty notice/fining process. I know this will be a cause of worry for some of you, please do not hesitate to contact school if you wish to discuss a particular issue. Below is a link to the new Holiday Request Form. It can also be found on the website.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cEjghbPUb2>

As you will be aware, Mrs Bird is soon to begin her maternity leave on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. We are delighted to welcome Mr Dyer who will be joining Mrs Palmer in Y2 during this time. I know you will wish to join me in thanking Mrs Bird for all her efforts this half term and we wish her lots of luck and love - we can't wait to meet the new arrival!

## Reminders

Looking ahead to next half term, it promises to be another busy and particularly exciting one. I have already heard Christmas songs echoing through school! We of course have our Foundation and KS1 Nativity and Y3/4 Carol Concert to look forward to. We also have our famous Christmas Advent Fair!

We have our Parent's evenings on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, the booking link will be sent out shortly.

Could I politely remind parents that children are not permitted to use the 'outdoor play' equipment before or after school. Also, please can I ask that children do not wear earrings or trainers to school as per our school policy and health and safety guidance. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Thank you to all those who have continued to park with consideration to our neighbours particularly our new neighbours on the new housing development. However, we are still getting some complaints so if we could politely urge everyone to park with due consideration it would be much appreciated. On a similar note, please can I remind parents/carers that the school carparks should not be used at any time without prior permission.

A final reminder, we have individual photographs taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## Issues relating to social media

Effective communication between home and school is incredibly important to us and as such everyone in school tries extremely hard to be approachable and supportive at all times. We are very proud of the relationships we have

built and believe the strength of these have ensured our children receive the best possible all-round care and support.

However, we have been made aware of some less effective lines of communication outside of our control and as such I would like to politely signpost parents and carers to our *Communication Policy and Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers* which can be found on our website;

In this Policy it states:-

*'There may be unofficial online school groups managed by parents for parents, such as WhatsApp groups, and they can be a source of knowledge, support and advice. If you choose to engage with these groups, we ask that you do so positively. However, if you do use these social media spaces, we ask that you use common sense when discussing school life online. Please, think before you post.'*

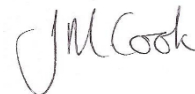
*We ask that social media, whether public or private, should not be used to voice complaints against the school, school staff, parents, or pupils. Instead, parents are advised to follow the Complaints Procedure as this is the established route to resolve them. Parents should reflect on how they would respond if they were subject to public scrutiny on social media. Once messages are posted, they are in the public domain and are not easily retracted. We take inappropriate use of social media by a parent to publicly humiliate or criticise another parent, pupil, or member of staff very seriously.'*

As always, please do not hesitate to contact school if you ever have any concerns or require support in any way. Thank you as always for your

support and understanding, it is much appreciated.

All that remains for me to say is I wish you all a wonderful and healthy break. We start back to school with our next 'Well-being' day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November where there will be a Diwali workshop which is kindly being funded by our Friends of School. *(please bring PE kits to school).*

Best wishes



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*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*