



# Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**On this day** - 1973: Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in the *battle of the sexes* tennis match.  
**Birthdays** – 1934: Sophia Loren, Italian actress; 1933: Dennis Viollet, English footballer.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope you were all able to have a peaceful weekend. Last week, our after school clubs got underway and it was great to see children enjoying art, drama, football and target games. Music lessons were also taking place on site, along with our Bikeability sessions for Year 3 and Year 4 on Friday. Well done to all of the children who took part, and all of the adults involved in the organisation. Huge thanks also for the donation of six brand new cycle helmets to the school from a family within our community. This allowed more children to access Bikeability and we will ensure they are put to good use in the future. Thank you!

So much excellent work has gone on across the school already this term that it is difficult to believe we have only been back in school for two full weeks. The Year 5 swimming lessons at Parkside got off to a great start, with excellent participation, last Thursday. This week, we welcome two PGCE students to school. Miss Rengert and Mr Simpson will be working with us throughout the autumn term; I am sure our community will make them feel welcome.

Events for parents and carers to look out for this week are the CaterLink taster session on Wednesday afternoon, and the coffee morning on Friday. CaterLink will set up outside the front of the school before you collect your children so you can see and taste some of the food on offer and ask any questions you may have. The coffee morning, which we will host in our Purple Hall, is an opportunity to meet other parents and carers informally. Members of the SOCS team will be supporting us in hosting this event. I hope to see some of you there! Separate details have been sent on parent mail today (Monday).

With best wishes for the week ahead,  
Richard Martin.

## DIARY DATES

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** CaterLink taster session, 3.00pm.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September:** Parent coffee morning, 9.30-10.30am.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 1 to Ely Toy Museum.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 2 to Mountfitchet Castle.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** NHS flu nasal spray for children.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** Last day of Autumn 1.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** PD day for staff (no children in school).

## SOCS NEWS

### Coffee Morning

Volunteers from SOCS will kindly be supporting our first coffee morning on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am – 10.30am.

## Attendance data...

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pine Class	99.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hazel Class	99.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beech Class	99.2%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class	98.2%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Elder Class	98%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hawthorn Class	97%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class	96.2%

## Punctuality data...

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pine Class	98.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oak Class	97.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hazel Class	97.1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class	96.9%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class	96.2%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hawthorn Class	96%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Elder Class	96%