



# Newsletter

September 2022



Welcome back to the Autumn term! September has certainly flown by, but we are super impressed with the positive attitudes seen from the children both in the classroom and around school. It has been lovely to welcome new pupils to the school, including our 30 new members of Dandelion Class.

### Welcome back

Just a reminder that gates open at 8.25am and the bell will ring at 8.30 signalling for the children to line up and for parents to vacate the playground. As the children have all settled back into the school year, we ask that you leave promptly - this reduces anxiety and upset for lots of children.

### Half Term

Don't forget that our half term is for two weeks, running from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and returning to school on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Hallowe'en Disco

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 'spooky' discos in the school hall. KS1 disco runs from 4.45 to 5.30 and the KS2 disco from 6.00 to 6.45.

School staff will be in attendance to make sure all children have a great time whilst remaining safe. We hope that every child will be able to attend.

### Black History Month

October is Black History Month. The month presents an opportunity for children to learn more about Black history in class and in assemblies. The children will have a number of opportunities over the next couple of weeks to learn more about important individuals from Black History.

### School trips

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 trip to Dinosaur world

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Year 3 trip to Kents Cavern

If you have not already done so, may we remind you that the deadline for paying for these trips is fast approaching and if we have not received payment then the trips will have to be cancelled.

### Dinosaur in the classroom



Something very exciting happened in Primrose Class! The children came into the classroom to find it had been destroyed! We soon spotted that the egg, we have been so patiently waiting for had hatched! The children came up with the idea to check the CCTV footage and soon discovered it was in fact a DINOSAUR!!! We were so very excited and spent lots of time looking for any possible clues we could find in both the classroom and the playground to see where it went! 🦖

If you see a baby t-rex lurking in the area, please let Primrose know!

### School Uniform

We would just like to remind you that it is very important that all children wear school uniform every day unless otherwise advised. Please ensure that the uniform is clean and as specified on the school website. PE kit has been particularly varied at the moment, but should be a white t-shirt, black shorts or track suit bottoms and trainers. Many thanks for your support in this. Every piece of clothing including shoes and slippers must be labelled.

### Sustrans Cycle/scoot to school week



Cycle/scoot to school week has started this week (3.10.22), during this week as always, we are encouraging the children to cycle or scoot to school to help reduce traffic and pollution around our school site.

### Parking

Please make sure that you are a considerate and safe driver and park sensibly around the school site. Please try to park further away and walk, scooter or cycle into the school site. It will keep you healthy and ensure that our local community are not enraged by being unable to get out of their driveways or concerned that children might be injured when parking is not careful and considerate.

### Weather

This term is always a difficult one to know what the weather is going to be like, it can be freezing cold one day, pouring with rain the next and warm and sunny the next one after that. We need the children to be able to go outside whatever the weather (unless it is a downpour) and therefore they need layers, suitable outdoor shoes and, most importantly, a warm and waterproof coat. Please ensure that all children bring in a coat every day without fail otherwise they will be unable to access the outside space for play and exercise.

### Rights Respecting school



### Article 12:

I have the right to a voice.

This half term we will be focusing on the children's right to a voice. Each class has elected two Rights Respecting Ambassadors who will meet each half term throughout the school year and discuss matters which they feel are important to our school. They will have the opportunity to discuss these matters with their classmates before the meetings and follow up the matters discussed after each meeting.

Our Ambassadors are:

Year 1: Jack and Nora

Year 2: Ella and Archie

Year 3: Lily and Ted

Year 4: Finley and Phoebe

Year 5: Amelia and Olly

Year 6: Austin and Rosie

Reception Ambassadors will be chosen in January when they have settled into school.

### Anglo Saxons

Year 5 have been creating Anglo-Saxon villages as part of our topic. They have designed and created their own nets online and then the villages in groups. The children have really enjoyed sharing this with the rest of the class!



### DATES for your Diary

More information about individual events will follow

Autumn term	
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Dinosaur world trip
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Kents Cavern trip
14 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA Halloween Disco
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to school
Week beginning 14.11.22	Year 1 phonics evening
Week beginning 28.11.22	Parent/teacher consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Theatre alibi visit
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Nativities
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Grandparents Christmas Craft afternoon
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Grandparents Christmas Craft afternoon

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