

31st January 2025

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of January and I must admit that it feels like it's been forever since Christmas. However, with two weeks to go before half term it gives us time to reflect on the successes of the spring term so far.

Bikeability

Our Year 4 pupils have completed their Bikeability level 1 awards and Year 5 have completed their Bikeability Level 2 awards this term. Our thanks go to Rob Doyle, our Bikeability instructor who has worked hard at supporting our pupils. He will return in the summer to work with our Year 6 pupils for their Bikeability Level 3 award.

Charity fundraisers

We have another charity fundraiser at school. After the success of Laila James in Year 3, raising money for the air ambulance, Freddie Wenzel, also in Year 3, has been awarded Young Fundraiser of the Year award by the Colitis and Crohns Trust for his fundraising activities last year. Well done Freddie!



Water bottles

I know that it is very fashionable to have a large water bottle, the reality in school is that they are taking up too much space on the desk as they can't fit into the smartsacks. This has led to a number of spillages ruining work and disrupting learning.

Our policy states a non-spill water bottle so can we please use a small water bottle as this causes less disruption in school and children can safely store them in their smartsacks.

Lost Property

We have loads of unclaimed lost property in school at the moment. Where the items have names, we regularly return to pupils, but otherwise we are reliant on children coming and claiming their own lost items. At Parents evening I will put lost property out in the reception area so please do come along and claim your child's items.

Parents Evenings

On Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February we will be holding the Parent consultation evenings. For those of you who have already sent in your reply sheets, you will have a confirmation slip sent to you by Wednesday 5th February. If you haven't yet, please do return your reply slip and we will attempt to give you the day and time you require.

Pupil Reports

Pupil reports will be issued at the parent consultation evenings. These are interim reports giving you information on your child's attainment, attendance and behaviour. Your child's class teacher will give you a verbal report on their progress so far. In the summer term you will be given a final report with a written report on their progress over the year.

Nut Free School

Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school for any school lunches or snacks.

End of day messages

With all the will in the world we are unable to get a message to a child if you ring us at 3.10pm. Please make sure that you ring in to the school office before 3pm to give us time to get messages to children. If you ring after this time, we will not be able to get the message to your child. These messages should be for emergencies only. Any other changes should be communicated to your child before they come to school.

Equally, if there is a change to your afterschool care club arrangements and you no longer require a place for your child, please cancel using the app. Not only will this mean that you may get a refund, it is also clear that your child should not be attending the club and will be collected instead.

Children's mental health week

Next week is children's mental health week and we are participating in classrooms each day. The finale will be a non-uniform day on Friday 7th February, where we will be raising funds for Little Lives, a charity that supports us by providing free counselling for children, three days a week in school. Please join us in supporting this very worthwhile charity. Suggested donations £1.

Vomiting bugs

I know there is a lot of sickness around at the moment. In order to stop the spread of this in school, children need to be away from school for 48 hours from the time they last vomited. If this is in the afternoon they should be taking 48 hours from that point, not returning in the morning. This is guidance from the NHS to stop the spread of illness.

PE Kit

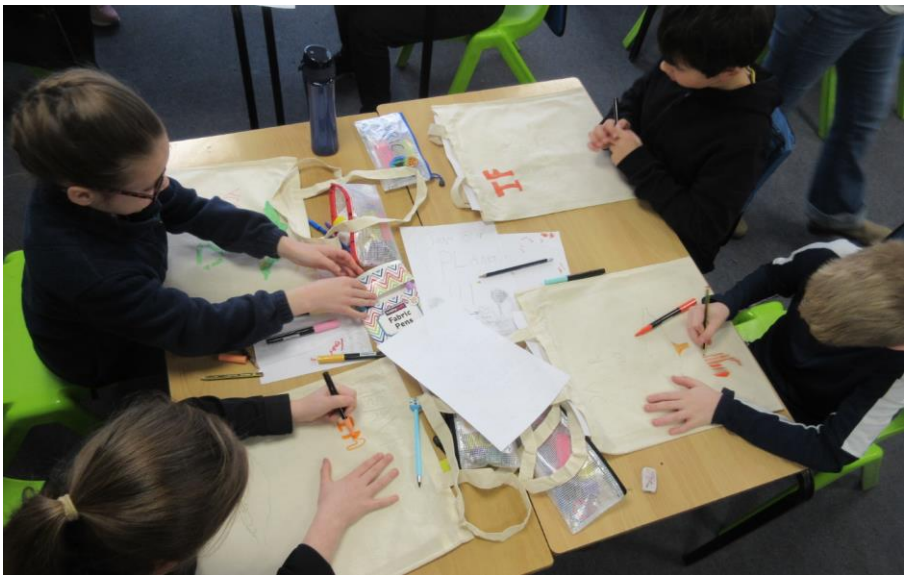
I just want to clarify when children should come to school in their PE kit. If a child has PE they should come to school in their PE kit. Please note this does not include football shirts, just the house t-shirt, plain shorts and trainers or socks. When cold, they can wear a plain sweatshirt or hoody and plain tracksuit bottoms. In addition to PE days, children can also come to school in PE kit if they have an afterschool sports club. There is no need to bring additional clothes to change into as we don't have the space and also time is limited for after school clubs too. There have been a couple of occasions when children have taken 10-15 minutes to get changed, delaying the start of the afterschool club.

As ever, should there be any issues with your child in school, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher or myself.

Many thanks,

Tony

Caroline - from the charity David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation - came in to talk to us about conservation and saving the planet with a real focus on Africa and Asia. The DSWF charity focuses on 8 animals in specific that are in immediate danger of being extinct. She spoke to us about these and then we created our bags with a message on to help others to Guard our Planet and look after / save it.



Mental Wellbeing Workshops 2025 – PSHE

The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to school and the team will be visiting our school at the beginning of **March 2025** with their Mental Wellbeing-focused workshops.

NHS research recently published showed that 1 in 6 children aged 7 to 16 have a probable mental disorder. These workshops provide children with the skills and positive mental attitudes they need in order to be resilient, bounce back from setbacks and develop strong, positive mental health habits.

Mental Wellbeing workshops

Coram Life Education use tried-and-tested teaching and learning approaches, these workshops give children a voice, help them feel empowered and enable them to identify and articulate their needs and feelings. In turn, these key skills help them develop the behaviours that support positive mental wellbeing.

Key workshop themes by age

Through these evidence-led workshops, children will learn about how the human brain works and how this affects mental wellbeing. Workshops are based on the following themes which build year by year:

- 7-8-year-olds: **acceptance**
- 8-9-year-olds: **protective factors**
- 9-10-year-olds: **the brain and stress**
- 10-11-year-olds: **aspirations and confidence building**

Wider PSHE education and SCARF

Over 50,000 teachers across the UK are now SCARF subscribers – here are some reasons why our school has chosen this resource:

- SCARF provides a whole-school approach to building the essential foundations for children to achieve their best, academically and socially
- Supports learning across all ages
- Covers all the DfE statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Supports our school in meeting Ofsted's expectations
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In Year 6 this half term, we are reading the book 'Wonder'. As part of our reading into writing journey, the children have planned, created, and published their own formal letters to from August's Mum (main character in Wonder) to his headteacher complaining about bullying.

Dear Mr Tushman,

I am writing to inform you about August's first day that was terrible!

First, in home room someone called Henry made a wall with his bag to separate the table and I think that is very disrespectful. Also Julian has had a unacceptable behavior because he has asked very rude questions like "did you get in a fire or something like that," which needs to change!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Browne

Emilija - 6 Otters

Dear Mr Tushman,

I am writing to complain about bullying towards my son, August, from a certain pupil. The bullying included: spreading horrible rumors and giving unkind notes.

According to August, Julian, one of August's classmates, has been spreading rumors that, if you were to touch my son then you would get 'The Plague'. I am sure you can understand how hard it is for him to get friends without these rumors.

In addition, Julian, again, has been leaving unkind, self-depressing notes in August's locker and destroying all the projects and work August has spent a long time on. Whilst this is occurring, August's self-confidence has been depleting.

In conclusion, this ongoing bullying needs to be acted upon. I demand that you take swift action as I do not know how much longer August can hold up for. My boy deserves support; after all, he is not currently being advised for August. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pullman

Toby - 6 Lions

Dear Mr. Tushman,

I am writing to inform you that August is being bullied at school because of his appearance.

In class, children have been avoiding August, which is not okay because even at lunch time children are not sitting next to him. Pupils avoid him just so they can talk behind his back which is especially not okay. This cannot keep on happening.

Around the school, children have been spreading ~~mean~~ ^{mean} comments about August, like how he looks, what he does and other reasons too. Pupils have been elbowing each other just so they could spread mean comments as well as children giving him mean looks, including Julian. August has to sit through all of this embarrassment for no reason.

I request that you do something about it or else I will come in and speak to you in person and if that does not do anything then I will sue you.

Yours sincerely Mrs. Pullman.

Jasper – 6 Vixens

Dates for your diary

Non-school uniform – Friday 7th February 2025-suggested donation £1

Parent Consultations – 10th & 12th February 2025

Half Term – Starts Monday 17th February

Inset Day – Monday 24th February - children return Tuesday 25th February

Monday 3rd March - PSFA non-uniform - please bring easter egg/chocolate

Thursday 13th March - PSFA Bunny bingo.

Big Wheel & Walk - Monday 24th March to Friday 4th April

Thursday 4th April - PSFA Easter raffle

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



Full Day 9am – 3pm Only £25

Half Day 9am – 12 or 12.30 - 3pm Only £15

Tuesday 18th February at Merley First School

(School Years 1 – 6)

Thursday 20th February at Lytchett Matravers

(School Years 1 - 4)



FOOTBALL ALL MORNING

(9am-12)

LUNCH (12-12.30)

(12.30-3pm) FUN GAMES



*The club will take place on the FIELD, so dress appropriately
bring a snack and drinks*

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WARM SPACE COFFEE MORNING



OPEN TO ALL

Come along and have an informal chat and a coffee with our Youth and Community Worker Mel and find out more about what our Family Hub has to offer

10.00 - 11.30

No booking required just drop in.

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Sunday 16th February 2025, 1.30pm
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