

## **Parent email update 2: Autumn 1 22nd September 23**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now within more established timetables and routines and hope that you, as parents/carers' feel more aware of PE and Club days. We were extremely pleased to hold our 'Open Classroom' event last week and we hope that this was useful – classrooms looked welcoming and full of new work that had just been completed! Please look out next week for our first 'Let's Celebrate'! (sent via ParentPay)

### **To celebrate...**

#### **Open Classroom on Thursday 14th September 3.30pm**

Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend.

### **After-school Clubs**

We have started our After-School programme and I would like to thank staff for offering a wide range of activities. I have walked around the school and have observed many smiles and laughter!

### **Football match on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 6 enjoyed their first tournament at Westfield; they drew 3 games and won 2. Player of the tournament was Barnaby and a huge well done to our scorers Oscar & Finn!

### **Visit from Clive Pig on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

The whole school enjoyed a whole school Assembly and then an hour storytelling at class level – this linked to curriculum coverage within History. The whole day was motivational and inspiring – we hope that your child will tell you more!

### **Community project 'Sewing seeds of gladness'**

Identified children in Year 5 & 6 enjoyed a trip to the Allotments on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September; they enjoyed a special visit from 'Muddy' the Scarecrow and learnt about growing food. They then enjoyed sketching ideas for their contribution to the stitching of the South Petherton Village map.

We would like to thank Councillor Kath Jones and local artist Linda Green who have facilitated the school's involvement and the allotment plot holders who supported within the visit. We will share more news as the project evolves!

### **To update...**

#### **Data Collection Forms**

Thank you if you have already returned these – please prioritise completion if you haven't as our School Census demands up to date pupil data.

### **Staffing**

After initially saying goodbye to Miss Harris as a Lunchtime Server, we are pleased to confirm that her circumstances have changed and she is able to remain with us.

We would like to welcome Miss White, our new SENDCo. This is a joint appointment with the Infant school and we share time every week – please be aware

that Miss White is quickly getting up to speed with children and records and will make contact with parents of children on the SEND Register soon.  
We would also like to welcome Mrs Kottoor as a new Learning Support Assistant.

### **Governing Body**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Caroline Grant as a Parent Governor; I enjoyed a school tour today with her and I know that she will bring much strength and knowledge to the board.

### **Drop off & Pick up**

We love that many parents use the walk to school as an opportunity to walk their dog. However, it has been brought to our attention that some children are afraid of dogs and are finding it tricky to enter the school gates when dogs are waiting there. May we therefore ask that dog owners wait away from the double gate entrance; this will give plenty of space upon arrival and exit to all children. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Parent transportation to sporting events**

Following staff Refresher training, we have been advised to introduce a new parental form for those that kindly transport to events; we ask that you call into the Office when it is convenient. Thank you.

### **Flu Vaccine**

All parents should have received information regarding the nasal flu vaccination programme; please complete the decision form and return electronically.

### **Bike check & registration on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> September 3pm onwards**

Our PCSO, Wesley, will be attending school on Tuesday to offer a free bike check & registration; we will open the school double gates at 3pm for those parents who would like to call in with their child's bicycle.

### **ParentPay**

Please remember that the school uses ParentPay as its main form of communication – all Newsletters are circulated by this. If you have not activated your account, you will not receive important updates. Please speak to the Office if you require further help.

### **Dates in the diary**

#### **Autumn 1**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Bike check & registration by PCSO 3pm onwards

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Break up for Half Term

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct inc** Half Term holiday

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School returns

#### **Autumn 2**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Nasal Flu Vaccination

**W/b Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>!)

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Children in Need (children may dress up in lieu of a voluntary donation)