



Autumn term 2018

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had a great half term [it may feel like a thing of the dim and distant past by now] and that you all enjoyed Halloween and Fireworks.

### Staff Update

I realised that we have had some additions to our staff this term that I have not properly announced. Mrs Samuel joined Raccoon class as a TA for the mornings and Mrs Palmer as a TA for Y1/2. We also welcomed Mrs Shutlar to the MDSA team. They are all doing a great job and are very much part of our team.

As you will be aware Mrs Baker left at the end of last term. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have filled her vacancy with an experienced TA, Miss Ellis, who has recently moved to Lakenheath. She will be joining Jaguar class for the mornings and also working as an MDSA. We will also be welcoming Mrs David to the MDSA team.

I am also delighted to announce that Mrs Page and her husband are expecting their 3<sup>rd</sup> baby next year. Mrs Page is anticipating starting her maternity leave at Easter.

### Uniform

We are now into Winter uniform for all pupils. This means that the children should now be wearing trousers, skirts or dresses. Children should also be wearing proper school shoes, not sandals or trainers. It has suddenly turned very cold and wet in the last few days so your child will need to bring a coat to school so that they have one to wear at break and lunchtimes. If children are wearing wellies to school please make sure they have their school shoes in their bag to wear inside.

The children will still be going outside for some of their PE lessons and will be encouraged to wear their school sweatshirts and fleeces. They may also bring tracksuit trousers for outdoor PE but these will need to be black, grey or navy please. Children are not allowed to wear hoodies for PE for health and safety reasons. If you are supplying them with an alternative sweatshirt this also needs to be black, grey or navy.

Just a reminder that jewellery must not be worn in school unless it is a medical alert; hair bows must be black, white, blue or purple and should not be so big that they impede visibility for children sitting behind them. Dyed hair and extreme haircuts are not permitted in school.

### Lost Property

There is a large pile of lost property in school. This is now located near Firefly class. Please encourage your children to go and look for missing items or come and take a look yourself. There are a number of school

jumpers but also coats, shoes, lunch boxes and even a school bag! Anything left at the end of next week will be recycled or reallocated.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to everyone who turned out in horrid weather to come to parents' evening and thanks to the staff for their hard work and the time they take to prepare for them. Despite using an easier and more accessible electronic logging in system, we only had 66% of our parents making appointments to find out how their children are getting on. A surprisingly high number of appointments were not attended, and no reasons were given, which meant there was a lot of wasted time over the two evenings. Education is a partnership between school and home so it is very important that parents know how well their child is performing and what their next steps are to further progress. We will hold the next parents' evening in the Spring term and hope you will all be able to attend.

### **Charity Work - Thank you**

Thanks to the children's efforts in PE, and your work finding sponsorship, we have raised a very impressive £600 for the NSPCC. This will help them to support even more children in our local area. The children have all been taught the number for ChildLine – 0800 1111 – and were very good at remembering it.

We were also thrilled to receive so many gifts for our shoe-box appeal before half term. We will now be able to send over 60 completed boxes to ensure less fortunate children and adults across Europe and the Middle East receive a Christmas present this year. Thanks again for your contributions.

### **Book Sale**

Advance Warning: From the 28<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December, we will be hosting another Scholastic Book Sale. The school receives 100% commission on the books sold so be prepared to buy your Christmas presents here and help the school with much-needed money to spend on books.

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Headteacher

### Dates for the Autumn term 2018

Date	Event	Who is involved
2/11	Coffee and a chat 9am	All parents and carers
2/11	PTA Halloween fancy dress disco	KS1 – 5:30-6:30pm KS2 – 6:30 – 8pm
11/11	WW1 commemorations at the Pavilion	Y5/6
13/11	Dental checks in school	EYFS – Y4
16/11	Children in Need Details TBC	Whole school
23/11	Bring a jar or tombola prize and wear your own clothes PTA	Whole school
23/11	Flu vaccines	EYFS – Y5
30/11	Coffee and a chat – 9am	All parents and carers
30/11 After school in the hall	PTA Christmas fair	Whole school
7/12	School Pantomime – paid for by PTA	EYFS/KS1 – am KS2 – pm
10/12 at 2pm 11/12 at 6pm	KS1 Christmas performances	KS1
12 – 13/12	Burwell House Residential	Y4
12/12 13/12	EYFS Christmas performances at 9:15am	EYFS
19/12	Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day/ End of term	Whole school
3/1/19 Thursday	Term begins	Whole school