



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Discussion of the Week

It has been fantastic to be able to enjoy the warm and mainly dry weather that we continue to have. It is anticipated to be getting colder, so I would ask that your children are fully prepared for playtime and lunchtime outside. This includes a coat as well as gloves/hats/scarves if needed. We want our children to be outside as much as possible, even when the weather is wet.

### Home School Agreement

This has been sent out to you this week as a new edition that incorporates the most recent updates from GDPR and safeguarding regulations. Please sign and return this agreement to the office as soon as you can. This is part of our ongoing goal to work together with you to make our school the best we can.

### Illness

Unfortunately, children do start to become unwell at this time of the year, and viral colds and poorly tummies are starting to be experienced by some children and families. We follow the guidelines as advised by the NHS where advice is given regarding minimising the spread of infection.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

The guidance we follow is to request that children are clear of symptoms for 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped and in order to minimise infection of children as well as staff, I politely remind you to ensure that these rules are strictly adhered to. I am well aware as a parent myself that this can be inconvenient, but it is an essential part of keeping our school safe and healthy. Thank you for your support with this.

### Park and Stride

I have been made aware this week of further problems around roads and junctions near our school. I have also received an email from Angela Forsyth (our local authority travel expert) who has been evaluating the school community use of the Park and Stride. She has pointed out that we are very fortunate to have such a well located facility, that includes two manned crossing patrols. For those of you who are not doing so, please can we ask that you utilise this more regularly. Angela informed me that schools that do not make use of these facilities, including the crossing patrols, do risk losing them if they are not used enough. This would be a terrible situation at our school and not one which I think would help us in any way. Using the Park and Stride is quick and easy and goes a long way to reducing the traffic congestion in and around school.

### Trips this week

Y3 and 4 children were (yet again) a credit to our school, showing interest through respectful listening and fabulous questions for the expert guides. Along with a tour of HMS Victory, and the M33 World War 1 ship, we also went on a tour of Portsmouth Harbour. YR have been on a walk to Tesco Express to buy the food they needed for a picnic. They had help from a lot of adults, and even had to use real money to buy everything. Well done all of you!

### Behaviour Focus

This week's focus (building on the last few weeks) has been ensuring high expectations whilst in assembly. Children have worked really hard to be silent coming in and leaving the hall. We continue to encourage children to be ambassadors for our school in everything they do both in and out of the classroom.

*Have a sunny weekend!*

*Hayley Ferguson*

### Why should we follow the rules?

#### Merits

- Silver** – Gracie (Y3) & Christos (Y5)
- Ruby** – Cohen, Daisy (Y3), Oscar (Y1) & Leon (Y5)
- Sapphire** – Ollie (Y4) & Farai (Y5)
- Opal** – Tom J (Y4)
- Granite** – Ruby (Y5)

#### **Well Done!**

#### Dates for Diary

- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – **NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Parents evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Parents evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Dress down day for PTA Christmas Fayre
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Zoolab in YR
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Inset Day Friday (School Closed)**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Inset Day Monday (School Closed)**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Nurse Drop in 8.45am-10am
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Forum at 2.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – PTA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 6pm
- No film club

#### Breakfast Club

If your child attends breakfast please can you make sure that they have arrived by 8.15am so that they have time to eat their breakfast before going to registration. Thank You

#### *Be the best you can be!*

- Oliver P – Armistice Day parade
- Harrison – Winning a dance competition
- Phoebe – 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> prize with a horse in horseriding

**Well done! We are proud of you!**



**Thank you** for all of your generous donations. Our school has looked colourful and spotty all day today, and we have raised £177.45 to help towards this fantastic cause.

#### Letters sent out this week

- Home School Agreement YR – Y1
- Zoolab - YR

#### **This week's winning team**

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