



## NEWSLETTER NO 2 – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

|                    | Term Begins        | Finish             | Half<br>Term | Return              | Term Ends           |
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| <b>Autumn 2022</b> | Monday 5 September | Friday 21 October  |              | Tuesday 1 November  | Tuesday 20 December |
| <b>Spring 2023</b> | Thursday 5 January | Friday 10 February |              | Tuesday 21 February | Friday 31 March     |
| <b>Summer 2023</b> | Monday 17 April    | Friday 26 May      |              | Tuesday 6 June      | Friday 21 July      |

Inset Days: 19 September 2022, 31 October 2022, 4 January 2023, 20 February 2023, 5 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The term is now in full swing, and the summer holiday is a distant memory! Saying that however we are delighted with how the children have returned to or started school - your support in encouraging the importance of such normality and routine are appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher sessions this week to share more information about each year group and expectations for the year ahead. Please remember to collect your children as normal before returning to the classroom for the presentation.

### Changing Weather

As the weather begins to turn and the evenings get darker, please consider how this impacts school routines. We encourage all children to bring a named coat to school as we always try to have play and lunch times outside unless the weather is especially bad. We take our lead from the Infant class and their outdoor learning whatever the weather!

Please also note that the children will require water bottles even when it is cold - we want to keep their brains fully hydrated all year round.

The October half term is normally the switchover point for Winter uniform, however we understand we all adjust differently to the climate, and it is most important that the children are comfortable. In the interests of those children who will inevitably go on to be postal workers and sport coaches, children can continue to wear shorts if you are happy with this!

### Safeguarding Children

Those children who walk home from school need to be especially aware with the nights drawing in. We have been contacted by an Aylesbury school where a student of theirs has been approached by men in a van whilst walking home and police are now investigating. Although this occurred in town with an older student, we must take our collective safeguarding responsibility seriously and report any concerns to the police and/or school immediately. We discourage children walking home alone after clubs at this time of year. Thank you

### House Captains & School Council

As we want to encourage children to take on responsibilities in and out of school, we provide many opportunities for them to do so through different roles in school. Firstly, congratulations to our Year 6 House Captains; all candidates wrote to me explaining why they would like this role and what they would bring to it. Each Captain represents the House throughout the year in celebration assemblies, competitions and events, and sets an important example to all pupils around healthy competition. This year our House Captains are: Ruth & Isobel for Birch, Albert & Olivia S for Maple, Jessica & Barnaby for Redwood and Tyler & Morley-Jack for Cedar.

Our School Council provide a voice for our pupils across the school, gathering opinions and ideas for how we can develop our school further. They meet regularly with senior staff to discuss feedback from their respective classes and also present to Governors later in the year. Candidates presented to their classes and were then voted for by their peers. This year's representatives are: Judah & Reggie for Year 1, Oliver & Ivy for Year 2, Matilda & Jamie for Year 3, Jessica & Emilie-Grace for Year 4, Charlotte & Elliot for Year 5 and Elsie-Jane & Joshua for Year 6.

Well done to you all; we look forward to hearing about Eco-Council representatives and a new wave of Peer Mediators in the near future.

### Foot Traffic & Car Park Use

Thank you for all your continued efforts not walking through the car park at drop-off and collection times. We appreciate Year 1 and EYFS parents waiting off the main path at the front of school so there is room for other parents to walk back and forth more easily. A change in Pre-school procedure has also lessened the crowds so thank you for everyone's consideration.

We are grateful for parents not using the staff car park at peak times, however are happy for early drop-off (before 8.00am) and late collections (after 5.00pm) to/from the S4A after-school provision. Please note this does not include other after school clubs due to the numbers attending and all exiting at the same time. Thank you.

### Pesto Jar Appeal to all Parents

A polite request and appeal from Ms Lee and Year 6 for glass pesto jars - empty, washed and with lids please. Those parents whose children have been taught by Ms Lee before will know where this is going but otherwise, please excuse the mystery...

Mr M Tomson  
Headteacher

### Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

|        |   |        |                                   |
|--------|---|--------|-----------------------------------|
| EYFS   | Whole class for their excellent start, Izzy B, Finn, Rachel, Amelie | Year 3 | Lilly, Jamie, Ethan, Ted          |
| Year 1 | Fox, Giuseppe, Benjamin, Digby                                      | Year 4 | Finley, Archie, Noah, Ellie       |
| Year 2 | Gracie, Bradley, Chloe, Austin                                      | Year 5 | Grace B, Ruby, Toby, Libby        |
|        |   | Year 6 | Rowen, Joshua, Leonardo, Olivia K |

### DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

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| 26 Sept    | Meeting the Teacher- Year 1 3.20pm, Year 2 3.50pm     |
| 27 Sept    | Meeting the Teacher - Year 3 3.20pm, Year4 3.50pm     |
| 28 Sept    | Meeting the Teacher - Year 5 3.20pm, Year 6 3.50pm    |
| 29 Sept    | EYFS Curriculum parent meeting, 6.30-7.30pm           |
| 3 Oct      | Harvest Church Service, Wingrave Church 9.30-10.30am  |
| 13 Oct     | PTFA Disos, – EYFS & KS1 5.00-6.00pm, KS2 6.15-7.30pm |
| 18 Oct     | Whole school NHS flu immunisation                     |
| 20 Oct     | Years 1 & 2 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park            |
| w/c 24 Oct | Half term   |
| 31 Oct     | Inset Day   |
| 1 Nov      | Children return to school                             |

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