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RESPECT, COURAGE, COMPASSION, CURIOSITY

*'Teach children how they should live,
and they will remember it all their lives.'* Proverbs 22:6

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable half term and remained safe and healthy. Welcome back to school for the second half of the Autumn term. Another exciting half term lies ahead with our Pop-Up literacy festival, a trip to Waddesdon Manor and our Christmas celebrations to name a few!

P.E. / Swimming

We will be going up to the village hall on Tuesday afternoons for indoor P.E. and we will be continuing with our swimming lessons at Aquavale on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E kit on Wednesdays, but in their school uniform on Tuesdays as they get changed independently after lunch.

Pop-Up Literacy Festival

We are pleased to be participating in this exciting event again this year. This year we will be reading 'The One Stop Story Shop' and meeting its author Tracey Corderoy online on Friday 5th November. Children will get a chance to ask her questions about the story and to undertake a detailed study of the book.

School Trip

We are excited to be able to go on a school trip to Waddesdon Manor for a day of fairy tales and story-telling on Tuesday 30th November. Again, for many of our children this will be their first school trip. Further details will follow closer to the time.

Parent Consultations

These will be happening on Tuesday 2nd November and on Thursday 4th November from 3:30. We ask that parents use the side gate to access the school and wear face masks whilst on school property. Robins' parents will meet with Mrs Stevens and Mrs Williams in Class 3, and Goldfinches' parents will meet with Mrs Scott and Mrs Turney in the office. These meetings are a chance for us to let you know how your child is settling into their new class. Each child has been allocated a 10-minute slot and we ask that you keep to your times as far as possible, however, if more time is required staff are happy to meet with those parents at a later date.

Staffing

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Pankiw on Friday 5th November. She will be greatly missed but has kindly arranged to come into school and do a handover with our new office manager. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Saryana Akhtar to our school on Monday 8th November as our new office manager/finance officer, I'm sure everyone will make her feel welcome. We are also really pleased to welcome back Mrs Claudette Dunkley as an L.S.A. to work in both classes.

Covid update

We are currently unaware of any cases in school and we ask that you keep us updated regarding cases within the family and your house hold. We are also asking that parents wear a mask when they are on school property.

Harvest

We will be having our postponed harvest celebration at the church on Tuesday 9th November at 2:30 and we hope that you will be able to join us. The children really enjoyed visiting the church as this was the first time many of them had been able to. We are also pleased to be welcoming back Sandra Green to school to deliver some collective worship sessions. Sandra has been involved with local churches for many years. Anyone wishing to provide Harvest donations may do so at the office. Food will be presented to our local foodbank.

Safety outside of school

Could we remind all parents that parking outside school on the yellow zig-zag lines is forbidden by law for safety reasons. The parking ban extends from the start of the school car park to the end of the school premises next to the school house. Also, we would request that parents do **not** park on school grounds when dropping your child off and that you are considerate of our neighbours. Could we also ask that your children **do not climb** on the low walls and railings at the front of the school.

Dates for diaries

Tuesday 2 nd November	Parent Consultations
Thursday 5 th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 30 th November	Whole School trip to Waddesdon Manor
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas

Don't forget this newsletter and lots of other information is published on our website so if you forget any dates please take a look online at www.marsworthschool.co.uk

We hope that the term ahead is an enjoyable one. Please do get in touch if you need any further information.

Best regards,

Karen Scott
Acting Head teacher