



# Newsletter



24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Working to Learn Together**

**W/C 27.11.23 Menu – Week 3**

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Members of the School Community,

Thankyou to those parents who came to the second 'Tea and Biscuits with the Headteacher' session that was held this week. We discussed a wide range of things including, among others, the new cloakroom arrangements in KS2, an increase in sporting opportunities and the inevitable parking situation.

It is important for me to hear these views and to share what the school is planning to do to ensure that key points are addressed as best as we can. Moving forward there are several areas which we hope to be able to make headway on.

One of the key priorities which has been echoed by parents is a desire to be able to come into school more often. We are working on opening up opportunities for parents to come into school in a number of ways across the next few months so that we can really offer you an insight into how things work in school and the learning that takes place. Look out for opportunities to come into school in the near future.

In terms of changes to come, I shared recently that the key priorities at present are:

Vision and Values

Whole School Behaviour Policy

Whole School Presentation Policy

This will sit alongside other priorities which need to be carefully planned out. Once the plan is complete, I will share with you the termly priorities for the school.

## **Display Volunteers**

We have had a few people express an interest in helping with this. Primarily, we are looking at help with making, creating, and putting up displays in school. In the past we would have had the resources to be able to fund this post, however sadly this is not possible at this present time, and we are determined to make school look the best it can! So, if you have any availability to assist on a regular basis, please do let us know.

## **Cloakroom arrangements KS2 – Years 3-6**

Following some feedback from parents I wanted to clarify the cloakroom arrangements we have across the school.

Children are able to bring bags to school, however where possible we would like these to be as small as possible, or if they do not need one, not to bring one in. We understand you may well have already purchased a bag which you would expect to last for a year, so it may be a while before you are in a position to change it. We also understand on some days and for certain situations children will need a large bag. **Why are we asking this?**

*Over the Summer the original cloakrooms were dispensed with; this was out of my control; and as such there is no dedicated space in the school for KS2 children to put their bags and coats. There is not enough room in class, so we have had to make a cloakroom from portable trolleys, and these have much less space than the previous cloakrooms. KS1 children do have a dedicated space outside of their classroom but again there is not a lot of space and smaller bags would be preferred.*

I hope that clarifies the situation.

## **PTA**

A huge thankyou to those of you who have volunteered to come forward to support the school in the positions that are advertised. We will be setting a formal AGM meeting for the PTA in January, at which point these positions can be formally set up and then once in place we hope that with all the interest the PTA will start to really flourish.

Plans for the Christmas Fair are going full steam ahead and we look forward to welcoming you into school on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Art Competition**

Entries for the Art Competition are trickling in, thankyou to those that have come in so far.

The idea of the Art competition is to further raise the profile of Art within school and give our talented artists, which we know we have, an opportunity to shine in school.

Each term we will select either a theme or an artist, or both, for children to create a piece of Art in the style of. When the piece of Art is completed, we would like it brought into school so that it can be shown and displayed. At the end of the term a winner from KS1 and KS2 will be chosen, and a prize awarded.

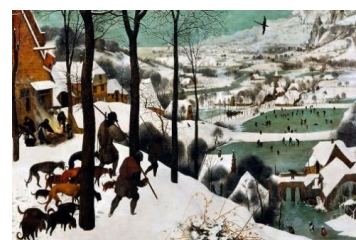
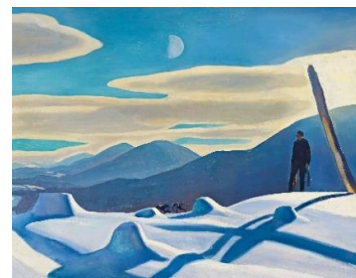
Please note this is a purely optional competition and work on this should be completed at home.

The first of our competitions is on the theme of Winter; please note this should be a 2D piece of Art; we will cover sculpture later in the year.

Designs need to be returned to class teachers by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. **Please ensure your child's name is on the back.** We look forward to seeing your entries.

## **Diary dates**

There are a number of events happening across the school over the next few weeks. Please see 'Dates for your Diary' below.



**And finally...**... this week our focus has been on International Children's Day and we shared this beautiful story with the children on Monday. The message being that everyone is amazing and beautiful in their own unique way.



**Best wishes, Steve Owen - Executive Headteacher**

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### Dates for your Diary... (November/December)

Monday	27th			
Tuesday	28th			
Wednesday	29th	12:45-3:30pm	Year 6	Matilda Jr
		2:45-3:30pm		Uniform Shop
Thursday	30th	10:00-10:30		This is the Coast - 'Sleeps till Santa' recording
Friday	1st			
Saturday	2nd	10:45-12:00pm	Choir	Choir at the Hospice
Monday	4th	6pm	EYFS	EYFS Production
Tuesday	5th	6pm	Year 5	Year 5 Production
Wednesday	6th	2:45-3:30pm		Uniform Shop
		9:00-12:00pm		Flu Catch-up for missed pupils
Thursday	7th	6pm	Year 1	Year 1 Production
Friday	8th			
Monday	11th			
Tuesday	12th	5:00-6:30pm		Christmas Fair
Wednesday	13th	2:45-3:30pm		Uniform Shop

Thursday	14th			
Friday	15th			Christmas Stalls in School (Pupils only)
Monday	18th			
Tuesday	19th	10:00am	Year 3 & 4	Carol Service at St Laurence's (Parents Welcome)
		1:30pm	Year 5 & 6	Carol Service at St Laurence's (Parents Welcome)
		1:30pm	EYFS	EYFS Party
		1:30pm	Year 2	Year 2 Party
Wednesday	20th	1:30pm	Year 1	Year 1 Party
		2:45-3:30pm		Uniform Shop
		5:30-6:30pm	Year 3 & 4	Disco
		6:45-7:45pm	Year 5 & 6	Disco
Thursday	21st			Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday	22nd		All pupils	Online Pantomime
				School closes for Christmas