

Newsletter No.2



Friday 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy first few weeks in school as I am sure you have seen from Class Dojo and Twitter. There have been plenty of exciting events already and there are many, many more to follow.



I hope you had the opportunity to listen to our live radio broadcast on Tuesday. This is part of our strategy to improve the communication, teamwork and speaking skills of pupils. If you missed the live show you can listen again by using the Soundcloud player on our website home page.



Today year 3 had their first of a block of Mindfulness sessions with our visiting expert Mrs Moses. We think helping young people manage their mental wellbeing is important and all pupils will get the chance to work with Mrs Moses over the upcoming year.



We are delighted that so many pupils are enjoying our school dinners. Our staff have been supporting pupils as they develop their fine motor skills when using cutlery. Spending time with pupils during the lunch hour gives us the perfect opportunity to model table manners, conversing (without full mouths) as well as other basic skills.

We would really appreciate it if parents could spend a few minutes each day reinforcing these skills.

First Class Friday

We held our second First Class Friday session of the year today. Each Friday afternoon pupils work in mixed aged groups from Year R – Year 2 or Year 3 – Year 6 with an adult in the school which changes on a half term basis. This allows pupils the chance to work with a range of adults and pupils during the academic year. First Class Friday enables us to enrich our curriculum, to exploit staff passions and expertise whilst giving pupils a range of new experiences.



On Tuesday 26th September, we will be celebrating Batman Day by inviting children to come dressed to school as a superhero. We have a wide range of cross-curricular lessons planned and it is an excellent vehicle to discuss issues such as:

- What makes us all special?
- Growth mind-sets
- Exploring gender stereo types

It also gives us the opportunity to add to our stock of reading books with engaging texts to encourage reluctant readers. There is a special themed school dinner menu planned for the day and even a competition for pupils who have a school dinner!

Yours sincerely

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