

Issue 8, Friday 3rd November 2023

PURPLE CLASS DROP IN THIS AFTERNOON: It was lovely to see so many parents come today to visit their child's class – the children really enjoy showing off their work! The other Key Stage One classes will have their drop-ins the week after next with Year One on Tuesday 14th November and then Orange and Pink Class on Thursday 16th November.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: Purple Class have their appointments next Tuesday – if you haven't made your appointment online through Parentmail, please do so by the end of the weekend as booking will close at midnight on Sunday.

Everyone else has their meetings on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd November (unless you've been contacted separately by Mrs Elia) and the consultations will go live on Monday. You will receive a communication with instructions, followed by a notification that the meetings are available online to book.

RECEPTION YEAR HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS, MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER: The reception children will be visited by the school nurses on Monday to have their height and weight measured. This is a standard check done for all children at this age. A Parentmail was sent out to our reception parents on 19th October with the following message from the nursing team:

Dear parent, please click on the link below to register your Reception child on the Thomson portal for Height and Weight Measuring. By registering you will be able opt out from this screening or see your child's measurements, as letters will not be sent out. https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Solutions4Health/p/S4H256/101282

YEAR ONE VISIT TO YOUNG V&A MUSEUM (16th NOVEMBER): Forms were sent out earlier this week, if you haven't yet returned your form please do so by the <u>deadline (6th November)</u> – the form is required regardless of how you have paid as it gives permission and also tells us what lunch your child will be having. Donations can be made on Parentmail or by cash with the permissions form.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE, WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER: The PTA will be putting on a second hand uniform sale next Wednesday after school in the front playground (weather permitting). Do come along to pick up good quality uniform for a fraction of the cost!

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS, THURSDAY AT 5PM AND FRIDAY AT 9AM: Following on from our very successful literacy workshop last half term, we are now running one looking at how maths is taught in school, and how parents can support their children at home. The workshop is open to all parents and both sessions will be the same so please do come along to one of them. No need to book, just turn up at the allotted time and we will open the door when we are ready to welcome you to the workshop.

SEASONAL CARD & GIFT ORDERS: Letters came home with instructions on how to purchase seasonal cards and gifts with your child's drawing on them. You can purchase items online through the Parentmail shop (under the stationary section)

Deadline for ordering is Wednesday 15th November – there is no flexibility on this as we need to return the order to the company in good time to ensure everything is back for the festive season. Minimum spend of £5 for online ordering.

PARENTS' MONTHLY MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER: This month, we've invited the school nurse to join us on the morning of the 17th November to meet with parents and talk about the kinds of support that can be offered to school age children and their parents. Do come along, so you can ask questions, or help us to plan future sessions for parents.

YEAR TWO TRIP TO RAF MUSEUM: Year Two parents, look out for a Parentmail and letter coming home with the children early next week with the arrangements for their trip to the RAF Museum on Tuesday 28th November.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 4th November 2023, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

For other ways to support the school go to our PTA Fundraising page on our website: <u>Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money (gardensuburbinfant.co.uk)</u>

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Books: We are hoping to set up an Amazon Wish List for the Birthday books, which parents can buy for your child's class to share – we'll let you know when this is ready!

We don't allow families to bring in sweets and treats so this a great alternative way to celebrate – whilst increasing the classroom library!

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 29th October to 4th November) a very happy birthday:

6 years old this week: Noah & Sharomin in Yellow

7 years old this week: Kristine in Purple, Emmy in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Miss Jowsey who celebrated this week.

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