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Newsletter 7 – Autumn Term

16th October 2020

A message from the head.....

The teachers have started their parents' evening phone calls this week - please do not worry if you have not had one yet - they are working their way through the class lists. If they call at a time that is not suitable please say and they will happily arrange another time.

The younger children have loved seeing the diggers on site this week building our new 5 aside astro pitch - work is nearly complete now and we hope children will be able to enjoy it shortly!

As mentioned last week, if your child is in Year 5/6 and you would like to send them in with a pair of trainers or wellies for break and lunchtime please do - we plan to make changes for the play areas for after half term.

It has been lovely seeing the children in Year 2 enjoy their forest school lessons this week - the crowns and bracelets have been lovely to see! As well as this our Reception children have enjoyed a local walk on the lookout for those naughty wellies!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the virtual phonics workshop this morning, if you were unable to attend we will put some links and resources onto our school website - more information to follow.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Flu Vaccination

The school nursing team will be visiting our school on 26th and 27th November to administer the flu vaccination (nasal spray). Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Remote Learning

As we finalise our plans for remote learning in the event of a local or national lockdown please can I ask you if you haven't already to complete the questionnaire that was sent out on 29th September about internet access and device access. It is essential we have this for every child so that we are able to make appropriate plans.

<https://forms.gle/sqaq7wW1EbmFeZMt6>



This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under
[parents/letters home/2020-21](#)
Homework apps

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 19th Oct** – Individual & Sibling Photos (Year 3-6)
Half Term
26th – 30th October
- **Mon 2nd Nov** – Inset Day
- **Tue 3rd Nov** – Children return to school

iPad Scheme

Please accept my apologies this has taken longer to set up than expected - things have been very busy this half term! To update you - we are in the process of setting up a contract with our supplier to be able to offer the 1-1 scheme to all of the children in Year 3. More information will follow shortly after half term. There will also be an option for children who missed out in year 4 or 5 to sign up too.



YEAR 5 UPDATE

Year 5 have transported themselves back to the Ancient Egyptian times this term! We have used clay to create cartouches, made our own papyrus paper and painted ourselves as Ancient Egyptians!

After receiving a package containing a mystery message in hieroglyphics, we have been on a mission to learn more about Ancient Egypt through artefacts and the story 'Secrets of a Sun King'. The main character is on a similar mission to us and we have enjoyed acting out key events from the story, before writing diary entries from the main character's perspective.

We are currently learning about how to create our own eBooks to share all our knowledge and we look forward to sharing them with you once they're published!



Stars of the week



Little Stars: Daisy

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Cian, Tucana – Evie, Orion – Quinn, Aquila – Nathan, Pavo – Mariam, Cygnus – Aiyla, Volans – Setaish, Delphinus – Rayyan, Serpens – Amanda, Andromeda – Tami, Pegasus – Zara, Perseus – Rhys, Auriga – Aalijah, Vela – Ola, Lyra – Remi-Grace, Lacerta – Evie, Circinus – Miranda, Phoenix – Julian.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Erin, Tucana – Albie, Orion – Mikael, Aquila – Alex, Pavo – Leo, Cygnus – Okley, Volans – Mason, Delphinus – Eloise, Serpens – Oakley, Andromeda – Ramsey, Pegasus – Finley, Perseus – Xavier, Auriga – Lilian, Vela – Ramin, Lyra – Tobi, Lacerta – Nicola, Circinus – Isobel, Phoenix – Olly.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Year 1 – Ayah-Rose, Robert & Divya
Year 2 – Joshua, Max & Rio
Year 3 – Florence & Catalina
Year 4 – Eli
Year 5 – Fathya
Year 6 – Mahmood & Zayaan

Sports Update

Extra-Curricular Clubs

After half term we will start running a limited selection of Clubs for children in Key Stage 2.

These will be available to book from Tuesday 20th October on a first come, first served basis on SIMS-PAY as follows:

Monday – Year 6 – Basketball (except Mon 2nd Nov)

Tuesday – Year 5 – Badminton

Wednesday – Year 4 – Gym

Thursday – Year 3 – Multi skills

Look out for a letter on Monday with further details



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



Do you have a coat you no longer need? – Why not donate it to **WRAP UP BIDDENHAM** who will be collecting unwanted coats to be distributed in December to people in need by local charities supporting the homeless.

One such charity will be the Kings Arms Project, who *'...deliver services to empower people on their journey out of homelessness'* in Bedford.

<https://www.kingsarmsproject.org/>

They have a target of 50 coats to gather over the three-day campaign starting 9th November. Men's, women's and children's coats will all be welcome, and they'll be collecting donations in the **car park opposite the school on Wednesday 11th November at pick up time**

For more information on the national campaign, please visit: <https://wrapuplondon.org.uk/>

Are you close to the end of your mortgage term?

Need advice on Help To Buy options?

Thinking of moving?

Please feel free to call Ross Turner for independent, whole of market advice.

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