

# NEWSLETTER



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We have only been back for 2 weeks but it feels so much longer. The children have settled so quickly and showed a fantastic enthusiasm for learning, which is always wonderful to see. As well as this, the respect and thoughtfulness they have showed after the Queen's passing has shown what wonderful ambassadors for the community they truly all are. As you now know, school will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and we will be back in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## Immersive Experiences

We want to make sure that our children's learning is brought to life, so your children will have a range of immersive experiences across the curriculum this year. These have been noted on the 'Important Dates' sheet, do not forget to ask your children about these to find out what they have been up to.

## Reading

Last year our reading competition was a huge success with many children striving to read at least 3 times a week to an adult, and many adults enjoying having that time to sit and read with their children - this will continue this year. Every week, if your child reads 3 times at home to an adult and has their reading record signed, they will have their reading card stamped. The more stamps they collect, the more prizes they will earn. At the end of the year, all those who have managed to keep this up, every week we have been in school, will receive a new Mystery Prize! Other prizes include prize draws, medals, certificates, bookmarks and more. Above all though, by encouraging your children with this, it really will make a huge difference.



## Book Swap

Thank you to all of those who came to our book swap yesterday, it was great to see the excitement on children's faces when choosing a new book to take home. It was also nice to see parents having the opportunity to catch up with one another and meet new parents. We will be doing more of these moving forward, so look out for future dates.

## Inter-house Competitions

This year we are raising the profile of our houses with inter-house competitions; this will especially be seen in P.E. Each term a certain unit is taught within PE, this will result in houses going against each other in the last week of the unit with the winning house being awarded a golden star. As well as this, every day children can earn house points for showing our school values, producing fantastic learning, trying their best and more. These house points are collated each week by the house captains and depending on how many are collected depends on how far each house moves on our time line. Every time a house reaches the end of the time line, they will receive a golden star. Whichever house earns the most golden stars at the end of the year will receive a Mystery Treat.

## E-Safety

As always, throughout the year we will be talking to the children about how we can use the fantastic digital resources we have at our disposal safely. We will also be holding a session for parents to inform you of how we teach this and what can be done at home to support this. In the meantime, if you are interested there are some fantastic resources and lots of great information available via [www.internetmatters.org.uk](http://www.internetmatters.org.uk)

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## **Games Library**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, our games library will be available once again. It will be on the playground from 3:15pm – 3:30pm, if you would like to borrow a game please just sign it out and return it on the following Wednesday. The games on offer have many benefits both socially and academically and reinforce many of our school values including respect and perseverance, but most importantly provide a great reason to sit down together as a family and have fun.



## **Clubs**

We are currently talking to children about what clubs they would like; you will shortly receive letters regarding this. Once clubs begin, they will run up to October half term.

## **Parent Staff Association**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm, we are inviting all parents to a short Zoom Meeting to discuss the PSA, what it is and plans moving forward. For it to be as successful as we would like it to be, it will require the continued support from the community that has always been offered. A form will be sent out following the meeting where you can offer your support in various roles.