



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



October 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our October newsletter. It is nearly half term already so we wanted to update you with some information and dates as the second half of the autumn term can become busy!

- ◆ **HARVEST**— Thank you for all your generous donations for our harvest festival this year, supporting our local food bank which serves our local community.
- ◆ **OPEN MORNING**—We would like to welcome parents and carers to our open morning on Thursday 19th October 9am-10am. You are invited into your child's class to work alongside them for some of the lesson if you are able to.
- ◆ **WELLIES AND COATS** —Please ensure your child has a named warm coat for break times and outdoor learning. We prefer our children to use all the space available to them at breaks, including the school field, so as it gets wetter under foot we will ask for wellington boots only on the field. If your child would like to bring in a named pair that can be left in school they can then enjoy the space.
- ◆ **READING MILES**—Our reading miles certificates this year are based on the theme of mountains. A reading mile certificate is gained every 25 times a child reads with an adult shown by the signed record in their homework diary. A love and enjoyment of reading is important for our children, so we encourage you to continue to spend time with your child, sharing a positive experience of books together. Ask your child what book the teacher is reading this half term!
- ◆ **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING DAY**—As mentioned in the September newsletter, Tuesday 10th October is mental health and wellbeing day. Children may wear something yellow to school with their school uniform, such as a T-shirt, gloves, scarf, hair accessory, a badge.
- ◆ **BIKES & SCOOTERS**—A polite reminder that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden up the alleyway and on the school site as it is too busy with so many parents, carers, grandparents and toddlers. Please dismount from scooters and bikes before entering the alleyway and school premises, thank you.
- ◆ **PARENTS' EVENING**—Our parent consultation evenings are on 1st and 2nd November, please book a consultation with your child's teacher through the reply slip on the parent consultation letter.
- ◆ **INFLUENZA NASAL SPRAY**—On 22nd November all children will be offered the influenza vaccine, this is in the form of a simple spray up the nose. Forms will be issued to us soon so please look out for these.

- ◆ **WORLD OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY**—Thursday 2nd November is World Outdoor Classroom Day, our children will be enjoying some activities on the school grounds. Therefore, please can all children have some outdoor footwear that can get muddy! Please also ensure your child has a waterproof coat in case of wet weather.

◆ DIARY DATES

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| Tues 10th Oct | Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day Buzzard class to Bourne Enthuse Project pm |
| Thurs 12th Oct | Individual School Photos |
| Thurs 19th Oct | Open morning—visit your child's class 9-10am |
| Mon 23rd Oct | Half Term |
| Mon 30th Oct | INSET day |
| Tues 31st Oct | Eagle class WW2 day Y4 Roman Day |
| Weds 1st Nov | Buzzard class WW2 day Parent Consultation Evening |
| Thurs 2nd Nov | National outdoor learning day Parent Consultation Evening |
| Fri 3rd Nov | Fort Nelson Y6 |
| Mon 13th Nov | Anti-bullying week wear odd socks on Monday |
| Thurs 16th Nov | Fort Nelson Y4 |
| Fri 17th Nov | Children in Need—school council |
| Weds 22nd Nov | Nasal flu vaccines |
| Fri 1st Dec | PTA Juniors Secret Shopping |
| Fri 8th Dec | Chocolates for tombola to school Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Meal |
| Tues 12th Dec | Christmas Performance to parents—pm |
| Weds 13th Dec | Christmas Performance to parents—am |
| Weds 13th Dec | Christmas Disco |
| Thurs 14th Dec | Chocolate Tombola £1 |
| Fri 15th Dec | Y3 Pantomime at New Park |
| | Last day of term |
| Tues 2nd Jan | INSET day |

Remaining INSET Days 2023-2024

30th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
19th February 2024
3rd June 2024

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