

# Newsletter No 4: Term 1

## October 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

So we have made it to the end of term 1 and I am feeling very grateful that we have made it to the end without any need to close any of our year groups. It has been an incredibly lengthy term and I know that the children will be glad to reach the half term break! They have been brilliant though and continue to work hard and do their best even though they are tired. So I wish you a great half term break. I know that staff team here are very much looking forward to a bit of rest and recuperation. They certainly deserve it! We look forwards to welcoming you all back on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The staff have a Trust wide inset day (virtually of course!) on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Harvest Donations this week.

As part of our way of providing hope (this term's value of the term) to our local community, we will still be collecting donations for the Fishponds Foodbank. Tubs will be available at the school gates to drop any donations into. If you can spare any long life items (tins, cartons of juice, tea, coffee, kitchen roll, toilet roll, toothbrushes, shower gel, toothpaste, breakfast cereal, pasta and rice and jars of sauces) then please donate them. I will drop them to the Fishponds Foodbank on Friday before they open. Thanks for your support in this way.



### Wild Hair Day (This Friday!!)

On Friday our Friends of Fishponds will be collecting donations to raise money for our school. Children can come in with 'Wild Hair' for the day along with their school uniform. This could be a wig, styled in a mad way, wear a hat, temporary hair spray a colour. I look forward to seeing your creations on Friday! Suggested donation is a £1 per child and will be collected at the gate into a bucket.

### Children in Need Day T2 (advanced warning!)



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November the BBC are running their Children in Need day. This year the theme is all about children's mental health. We will join in by wearing our Onesies or PJs into school on the Friday. Our School Council are busy thinking up some fun ideas for a competition to win some Children in Need goodies as well. More details to follow. It promises to be a fun day!

### Advanced warning of Parents' Evening

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November are the dates for our scheduled Parents Meetings. Unlike last year we are unable to host them physically in school. We will be offering 10 minute appointments with the class teacher via Zoom or by phone call. A letter outlining how to sign up for a slot will be sent out before half term. We look forward to celebrating your child's progress with you during these times.

### Staffing News

Sadly we say goodbye two of our part time SEND TAs (Mrs Ewelina Nowinska and Mrs Kelly Davies) over the next couple of weeks as they move on to new challenges. We welcome Mrs Heather Boocock to the SEND team in Term 2.



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Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds



### Value of the Term : Hope

Our Whole School Collective Worship sessions will take place on Tuesdays on Zoom as even though we are all back in school we are unable to gather together physically. Each week we will focus on one of the questions below.

#### Questions of the Week:

Week 8: How can we provide hope by sharing what we have? (Harvest)

Next term's Value of the term is 'Love'. We will look at a different question linked to this value in our Tuesday whole school collective worship sessions.



### New PE Slots for Term 2

(send your children in PE kit on days below)

Monday – Year 2

Tuesday – Year 4 Tilapia

Wednesday – Year 1 and Year 5

Thursday – Year 6 and Year 4 Firefish

Friday - Year 3

## TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WITH PREMIER AT FISHPONDS ACADEMY

The after school clubs will be smaller, socially distance groups (maximum of 10 per club) all clubs on offer can be delivered whilst observing the 2m social distancing rule, enabling us to provide fun and engaging activities in a SAFE way.

### **What to bring:**

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing for the weather and activity

Shin pads

### **Dates, Times, Activities & Year Group:**

Thursday 5th November - 10th December 3:15pm - 4:30pm **FOOTBALL** (Year 3 & Year 6)

Friday 6th November - 11th December 3:15pm - 4:30pm **FOOTBALL** (Year 1 & Year 5 )

### **Price:**

Football £18 per club, per term.

### **How to book:**

Visit online [premier-education.com](http://premier-education.com) bookings must be made in advance please do not turn up on the day without booking as your child will be sent to the school office and will be asked to be collected immediately. We will require a minimum of 6 bookings per club for any questions call 07476 032239

## Dates for your diaries , with best wishes from Debbie Coker ( Principal)

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	INSET training School Closed to children.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	First day of Term 2 <b>New PE Slots for Term 2 ( send your children in PE kit on days below)</b> Monday – Year 2 Tuesday – Year 4 Tilapia Wednesday – Year 1 and Year 5 Thursday – Year 6 and Year 4 Firefish Friday - Year 3
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	NHS Flu Vaccinations ( <i>for those who have provided permission slips</i> ) Poppies & Other Items sold at the end of the day on behalf of The Royal British Legion
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov and Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evenings ( virtually held on Zoom) Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Pudsey items sold at the end of the day on behalf of Children in Need
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Children in Need Day</b> Children can come to school in a Onesie or their PJs and donate. Buckets on the gate for suggested £1 donations.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET training School Closed to children.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity (time tbc Covid allowing)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	LKS2 Carol Service (time tbc Covid allowing)