

Newsletter 10 (15/11/19)



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another great week in school with lots happening. Yesterday we had a visit from Alumnis MAT which was focused on safeguarding - they spoke to a group of children about their understanding of keeping safe, including online safety, and their good standard of behaviour was noted!



Thank you for your support with Children in Need today, most of the children dressed up and we raised a total of £110.16, including £26.50 raised by Preschool & Toddler Group. We had an awareness raising session in our whole school assembly and we hope you have enjoyed some of the inspirational projects highlighted on television this week, which have been supported through money raised through CIN.

Good Luck to our PTA with their '101 Dalmatians' entry in the Holsworthy Carnival tomorrow night – if you aren't involved then please look out for them and give your wholehearted support as they walk past (I have heard that you need to look out for some excellent dance routines, so 'no pressure ladies'!). Well done!

Charlene Marston, Headteacher

PTA

Last call for unsold raffle books please – if these can be returned to school on Monday we will be able to offer them up for sale at the Ladies Night on 29th November.

Many thanks to all those who attended the PTA meeting on 13th November – these are the details for the forthcoming Christmas activities:

Christmas Wreath Making Evening: Wednesday 4th December in the School Hall at 7pm. £15 including all materials needed plus mulled wine and mince pies!

Breakfast with Santa! Saturday 14th December in Clawton Parish Hall 9am-1pm. Full English Breakfast with children's festive activities and meet Father Christmas! Adult £6 Children £4



Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 20th December, £1 donation for PTA please.

Photographs

Everyone should have received the proof of their individual/family photos – the ordering instructions are on the sheet provided so please send in your orders by Friday 22nd November if you want to be included in the school order. We are also looking forward to seeing the photographs taken by the MAT photographer and will endeavour to get some uploaded to the website as soon as they are available.

Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement and General Trip Slips

There are still a few of each of these documents outstanding – please return any still lurking at home – Alison will text a reminder to those for whom we haven't had a signed response by Wednesday.



Tag Rugby Festival – Well done Fox Class!

On Monday afternoon, Fox class were invited to a Tag Rugby festival at Holsworthy College. The class was split into three teams and competed against three other schools across six different events. The whole class put in remarkable effort, despite the very cold conditions, and they represented their school extremely well. Well done to you all, Jacky and I were very proud of you!

Ms Marwood

Fox Class reminders

Fox Class are going up to Beer Mill on Tuesday 19th November, leaving school at 1pm – unfortunately we are short staffed and would be very grateful for some volunteers to satisfy the adult/child ratio – thank you! The children will need their normal Beer Mill kit – ie waterproof coat/trousers (if available), wellie boots and old trousers.

Recurring D&V

We have instances of recurring diarrhoea and vomiting, particularly in Squirrel Class, with some children now having had four bouts of it. We are monitoring the situation in school and are being vigilant with handwashing and good hygiene routines. It is important to break this cycle that children are not sent back into school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness. Your reinforcement of good hygiene messages at home would be much appreciated. Many thanks.



Collectable Cards in School

There are a number of children bringing football and Pokemon cards into school and this is presenting us with several issues that we would like to bring to your attention. It is great to see children swapping cards and socialising in groups to look at collections but we have been made aware that some cards have gone missing and this is causing children to be upset. Staff have spoken to classes regarding cards going missing and emphasised that this is unacceptable and not something we want happening in our school. We have talked about trusting people and doing the right thing and behaving in a way that is morally correct. Unfortunately, the cards are highly desirable and sometimes children do not make the correct moral decisions when it comes to something like this.

Whilst we do not want to say children can't bring cards into school, we would advise that large amounts of cards, full folders or more desirable cards are left at home. If children choose to bring cards into school, we would ask that they are responsible for their safekeeping. We would ask you to talk to your children regarding trading and swapping as we have several incidents of this not happening correctly or children changing their minds and arguments occurring.

Sadly, if there are any further incidents we may have to say that cards are not allowed in school. Thank you for your support.



Newspapers needed please!

Squirrel Class are going to be making a model Spitfire and need lots of newspapers – please send in any you have spare. Thank you.

Headlice

We have had recent reports of head lice and would be very grateful if parents can be vigilant over the weekend and coming weeks, checking the whole family's hair on a regular basis. It is only with everyone's co-operation that we can hope to keep on top of the problem. Many thanks for your continued support.

Online Payments System!

School Money, our long waited online payments system, should be going live on 2nd December! Can parents please clear any outstanding payments by Friday 29th November as the MAT operate a 'payments in advance' system for school meals, clubs and extended services. More information will be coming through shortly after we have received our training.

Messy Breakfast/Church: The next session, looking at the parable of bad talents, will be at The Stable, Chilsworthy Chapel, this Sunday, 17th November – Breakfast at 10am. Everyone welcome. More information on 07779560083.