



Aiming High, Achieving Together

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Newsletter 2 – 10th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Time is flying by! We are now in our sixth full week back to school. All the children are working very hard and are now settled in routines and understand staff's high expectations. We look forward to sharing their progress with you at Parents' Evening over the next couple of weeks.

Special Relative Day

We invite your child to bring a special relative to school on Thursday 20th October at 9.30 - 10.25am to view the classroom and share their books, work and curriculum provision. Sadly, due to health and safety reasons, we would not be able to accommodate younger siblings. We have planned several of these days throughout the year.

Belongings

The lost property box in the office porch is already full with many unnamed items. Please ensure you label all your child's items.

Parking

Please avoid driving up Romsey Close **at all times**. Residents are naturally irate when some parents are inconsiderate and park in front of their driveways. If the road becomes congested with cars parking and turning it makes it very difficult for emergency vehicles to access the school and therefore putting your child or staff at risk should we need to call them at any time. Please park at Abbey Road shops or Tintern Close and walk the short pathway to school. Police Community Patrol Officers will monitor parking on Romsey Close. The **school car park is for staff only** and must not be used as a drop-off or pick-up point.

Theme Week

During the last week of this half term we are planning our Art Attack Theme Week. We will focus on key artists per year group and link to our celebration of the Hindu Diwali festival as part of our RE Curriculum and British Values of 'Tolerance of those with Different Faiths and Beliefs'. We welcome any of our parents who will celebrate Diwali to share their festival with the children. Please see your class teacher if you can spare any time that week.

Governors

The school's Governing Body is looking for additional members. We are particularly looking for people with experience of finance, IT and human resources. We meet three times per year and our Resources Committee meets every half term for an hour. We also participate in three Governor Monitoring Days per year. It is a very rewarding role in developing our school priority areas. Please see the school office for an application form.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Miss Fellhauer is expecting her second baby in March. We will organise her cover for the remainder of the year in due course. Please inform the school office if your child has chicken pox or any other illness which could affect pregnant women.

We are looking to recruit a cleaner to work everyday from 3.30 - 6.00pm, plus deep cleaning in some of the holidays. Please see the school office for more information and an application form.

Headteacher: Mrs Larissa James BA (QTS) NPQH



Key Dates

11th October - Parents' Evening @ 3.30 - 6.00pm
17th October - Parents' Evening @ 4.00 - 6.30pm
17 - 20th October - Art Attack Theme Week
20th October - Special Relative Visit @ 9.30 - 10.25am
20th October - 'Dress Down Day' for a £1.50 donation
21st October - INSET: school closed
24th - 28th October - half term - school closed
31st October - School starts at 8.45am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larissa James
Headteacher