

# Headteacher's Newsletter

## January 2023 Spring Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already nearly at the end January. Hopefully the weather settles and we have some lighter mornings.

It is pleasing to see children (and parents) arriving dressed in warm clothing. Parents have enjoyed coming in to see their children's class assemblies.

Well done to children who are using the learning powers to help them with their attitude to work.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Bringan  
Headteacher

### **Communication**

A letter was sent to parents and carers on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 advising on possible strike action. After doing a risk assessment I can confirm that the school will be open as usual on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

#### **Possible strike action dates are:**

1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 (National) 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (National), 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (National), 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 (schools in the South East, South West and London).

Any update about further dates will be shared promptly.

### **Coffee Mornings**

#### **Upcoming coffee morning dates are below**

- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - 9:00am - Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 - 9:00am - Hall
- There will be no coffee morning on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (School closes)

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

#### **February 6, 2023 - February 12, 2023**

Children's Mental Health Week is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about children and young people's mental health. This important event is a brilliant opportunity to open a discussion about mental health and wellbeing with children and young people.

We will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The theme this year is 'Let's Connect' and teaches our children that connecting with others helps our mental health. Here is an outline of events so you know what to expect.

**Daily soft starts 8.45am – 9.10am** we will be inviting parents to come into their children's classroom after drop off to play games with children, chat or read a book from the book corner to them as a way of connecting.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Non uniform day 'Dress to Express'**. Children and staff to come in dressed as simply or elaborately as they like! 'Dress to Express' is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provides a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community.



### **Parent Workshops**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we will be holding parent workshops over the next two weeks to share how to support your child at home across a range of different areas of learning.

Our sessions will be:

#### **Nursery Reading and Writing in the early years**

- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 9:00am or 2:15pm

#### **Reception Reading and Writing in the early years**

- 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 9:00am or 2:15pm

These will be held in the school hall.

### Class Assemblies

Class	Date	Start time
Pine	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023	9:00am
Peacock	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	9:00am

Please ensure that you arrive on time as the assembly will begin promptly at 9:00am. It will last about 10-15 minutes with 5 minutes for children to share their work.

### Kingfisher Class Assembly

Kingfisher class performed their class assembly about Chinese New Year celebrations last week. They retold the story of the Great Race and explained how the names of the years were chosen. They sang a song explaining how some people prepare their houses for Chinese New Year. The children thought of their own New Year resolutions and how they might achieve these.



Children have enjoyed the Chinese New Year display at the front of the school, they have looked at the pictures and enjoyed discussing it.



### Gold Book Winners

Teachers chose a number of children each week who are praised for particular achievements.

Class	Winners
Cedar	Zahra, Lucas and Thomas
Larch Class	Abrish, Simon and Andreea
Birch Class	Jasper, Rahma and Vladimir
Spruce Class	Khaira, Adyan and Izaiah
Elm	Aiden, Haroon and Abiah
Willow Class	Adeendra, Aaliya and Eleazar
Pine	Abel and Phillip
Beech Class	Ellie, Jawad and Cara
Peacock	Adela, Sadulla and Saba
Flamingo Class	Aira, Rion and Giulia
Kingfisher	All of Kingfisher class
Toucan Class	Asmaa, Metehan and Inaaya

### Year 2 Uxbridge College Pantomime

Students from Uxbridge College Performing Arts Department visited Year 2 to perform 'Every Panto That Ever Was'. The students performed really well, it was lively and fun and enjoyed by all. It encouraged discussion and promoted talk across Year 2.



### **Welfare reminders**

There have been a number of absences due to illness. Please ensure you are following school guidelines of reporting your child's absence by calling the school on **01895 590112** every day your child is absent. If you leave a voice message, please ensure you leave your child's name, class and a contact number.

If your child is experiencing the following illnesses please follow the guidance below.

### **Hand, foot and mouth**

Hand, foot and mouth is very contagious which means it is easily passed from one person to another.

- You should keep your child off nursery or school while they are unwell with a fever.
- Once they are feeling better, they can go back to nursery or school. There is no need to wait until the spots have gone.

### **Diarrhoea and vomiting**

- If your child is sick or has diarrhoea. They **must** stay at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

### **Coronavirus (COVID - 19)**

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID -19 unless directed by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID - 19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID - 19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### **Damaged Books**

Please ensure all books are returned to school on time and in good condition. Recently, we have had books returned so damaged they cannot be used by another child. Please remember to take care of all books given to your child. There is a charge for damaged or lost books.

### **Late Collection**

We understand that, from time to time, you may be delayed getting to school to collect your child i.e. Stuck in traffic, public transport delays, car issues. Please note the following guidelines for children collected late from school:

Parents need to collect or make arrangements for their child to be collected from school on time. If you have difficulty collecting your child regularly at the end of the school day, we offer a variety of after school clubs that run until 4:05pm (reception) and 4:15pm (Year 1 and Year 2).

We will be monitoring regular late collection of children and will work together with these families.

We require up to date home, work and mobile contact numbers for parents and at least one other person who could collect your child.

If you are not going to be able to collect your child at their pick up time, you must telephone us to advise what time you expect to reach the school.

If a child is not collected at the correct time and no contact has been made by their parent or carer by 4:10pm, we are required to inform Children's Services who will advise us about the next steps.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Collection time</b>
Reception Spruce/ Larch	08:30am	2:50pm
Birch/ Cedar	08:30	3:00pm
Year 1	08:40am	3:00pm
Year 2	08:45am	3:05pm



## Diary Dates

Individual events information will be communicated with you where appropriate. All dates are subject to change.

Day	Date	Month	Event
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	January 2023	Nursery Reading and Writing in the early years 9:00am or 2:15pm
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	February 2023	Possible strike action by teachers - Updates will follow
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 2023	Pine class assembly 9:00am - Hall
Monday - Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week 9:00am Parent daily drop ins for soft starts 8.45am -9.10am
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	Reception Reading and Writing in the early years 9:00am or 2:15pm
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	Non uniform day 'Dress to Express'
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	Peacock class assembly 9am Hall
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	Staff Training Day - No school for children half term begins
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	No parent / carer coffee morning
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February 2023</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	Children return to school
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	February 2023	Christmas card competition closing date

## Local events

### The Beck Theatre

The Tiger who came to Tea by Judith Carr. This book has been adapted into a stage play which is now showing at the Beck Theatre over February half term holiday. Please book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

<https://becktheatre.org.uk/Online/default.asp>

