



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS

Week Ending 20th October 2023

Harvest Donations

Thank you for all your generous donations to Loveworks Foodbank. They are much appreciated. We will continue to have the red donation box in the playground by the brick sheds throughout the year for any tinned food donations.

New Website

We are pleased to inform you that our new website has gone live. There are a few things to iron out, and we ask for your patience whilst we make adjustments.

Meanwhile, if you can't find the information you need, do contact the school office, where the team will be happy to help you with your enquiry.

We hope you enjoy using our new and improved site.

School Lunches

Please [click here](#) for the new school lunch menu which commences 31st October.

Volunteer Information Meetings

Our next meetings will be on Tuesday 31st October at 2:30pm and Friday 24th November at 9:30am. We would like every volunteer to attend one of the meetings if you have not already done so. If you are thinking about volunteering and want to know more, please feel free to come along, too. Please complete the [online form](#) to advise us of your attendance.

Reading

Your child is on their journey to becoming a skilled reader. Each week children either have an opportunity to read individually to an adult or to take part in a Little Wandle group reading session, where they practise reading a book that is matched to their phonetic level of development. We ask that you support them by listening to them read their book at home and writing a short comment in their reading diary. Teachers value your thoughts and comments as they add to our overall assessment. Children also need the opportunity to re-read books to develop their confidence and fluency. We realise that some parents may feel time pressured or that children may feel tired so books can be read over a couple of days- "little and often."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing other books with your child. Sharing books makes a big difference to your child's education.

Did you know?

Reading a book and chatting about it has a positive impact on your child's ability to:

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills

Reading books your child has chosen to read for pleasure is one of the best things you can do to help them succeed at school. A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!

Parental involvement in the development of children's reading skills: A five-year longitudinal study (2002) Senechal, M. and Lefvre, J.

[Click here](#) for 'Everybody Read' tips from Little Wandle

Lost Property

Please do check the lost property box outside the school office. It is overflowing with lost clothes and other items that are either unnamed or we are unable to read the name/children have left school. We will hold these until **Friday 3rd November** after which time we will donate to the PSA or recycle them.

Poppies

We will be supporting this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal from Tuesday 31st October until Friday 10th November. If children would like to donate and receive a poppy, they may bring money in a named envelope and give it to their class teacher.

Mrs Claire Hill will be selling other child-related merchandise for the Appeal in the playground outside the PSA shop at afternoon pick-up on Tuesday 31st October, Friday 3rd November, Tuesday 7th November and Friday 10th November.

Class Photographs

Class photograph proofs will be in your child's book bag this week.

YMCA Santa Run

Please [click here](#) for details of the YMCA Santa Run to be held in Priory Park on 10th December. The money raised from the Santa Run goes to the [Life Change Fund](#), which was set up in 2021 to raise funds for projects to help young people to get their lives back on track following the impact of COVID-19.

Garden Plants and Old Planters Needed

If you are separating any perennials this autumn (eg verbena etc), have any bulbs to spare (bluebells, snowdrops etc) or old large planters that you no longer need, we will be very happy to make use of them in getting our garden areas ready for spring.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Wellies

Nursery will be going to the woodlands on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. We would be grateful if you could make sure your child has wellies in school on these days. Thank you.

Weekly Learning

Please do check the weekly learning that is sent out every Monday, as we attach relevant vocabulary to go with our topics.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Woodland Explorers in Reception

Rabbits will be visiting the woodland on Wednesday 1st November 2023.

Ducks and Foxes will be visiting the woodland on 2nd November 2023.

Please send **named Wellington boots in a bag and a suitable warm, waterproof coat on the**

day. Named hats and gloves will be needed if appropriate.

Thank you for your support in providing your child with the appropriate clothing and footwear on the relevant day.

Small World Figures

We are collecting any unwanted 'people who help us' small world characters and vehicles (plastic or wooden) police officers, nurses, doctors, ambulances etc.

Please hand any donations to your child's teacher.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Dip & Do Home Learning

Your child has been sent home their first 'Dip and Do' of the year. Please could you support your child to complete at least one of the activities based around our topic on toys. We look forward to seeing what the children have completed and sharing it with the class.

Please return all Dip and Do home learning by Monday 13th November.

Signs of Autumn

We would be grateful if you could collect natural objects such as conkers, acorns, pretty leaves, pine cones and bring them to school on Tuesday 31st October. This will support our learning in Science.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Dip & Do Home Learning

Your child has been sent home their first 'Dip and Do' of the year. Please could you support your child to complete at least one of the activities based around our topic 'Traditional Tales with a Twist'. Paper has been added to your child's home learning folder that they can use or feel free to use other paper you have at home if you would like to. We look forward to seeing what the children have completed and sharing it with the class.

Please return all Dip and Do home learning by Monday 13th November.

In the home learning folder we have provided you with a 100 square, a list of the year 1 and year 2 common exception words and some activities to help your child practise these words at home.

Please do use these to support your child's learning and let us know how your child is getting on at home.