

Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Fireworks event last night. It made us all realise how much we have missed these occasions. Your children have been talking excitedly about the fireworks today, which has been lovely. Huge thanks must go to our fantastic PTA for supporting the event and the site team for their hard work.

To all of our families who celebrated Diwali yesterday, we hope you enjoyed your celebrations and we would like to wish you all a very happy new year. The children enjoyed their special Diwali / Bonfire menu yesterday and our chef Marco has kindly agreed to share some of the recipes from this menu - the recipe booklets are attached.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 27 November

Our next big event will be the Christmas fair on Saturday 27th November. This year we will be holding a joint outdoor Christmas fair in our grounds with the Junior school to mark our 50th anniversary. Please look out for information on this - your class reps should be in touch with you and we will need your support and will be asking for help and donations including books, toys, filled jam jars etc. **Friday 26th November** will be a Mufti (non-uniform) day and in exchange we will be asking for chocolate and bottles (alcohol or soft drinks) donations. All of the money raised from these events help to provide fantastic enrichment opportunities for your children. Your fundraising enables us to provide a Forest School teacher and a professional Drumming teacher. It is also enabling us to fund a new book scheme to support early reading.

Volunteers in school

We are gradually allowing parent volunteers back into school. We would love a group of parents to come in and help us to re-organise our books, sort our new books and also help to tidy up our beautiful library on a regular basis. Please get in touch with Mrs Jakob or drop us an email if you are able to help us. Just a reminder that all volunteers must have a DBS check.

Coombe Connections

Please note that the horseshoe will not be open for collection until 4.40pm starting on Monday afternoon. Junior children now attend clubs until 4.30pm and as the evenings are getting dark we need to be extra careful for their safety. Please could we also remind you to only use the drop off zone for morning drop off. Many

parents are still using staff parking bays and this is causing great inconvenience. We are continuing to monitor this situation and hope not to have to take further action.

Governors

Details were sent out on Monday regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested, and for more information, please come along to a question and answer session with our Chair of Governors on Thursday 11th November. The meeting will be in the hall at 9.00am. Please let us know if you would like to attend the session. If you would like to stand for election as a parent governor, applications are due by 12 noon on Wednesday 17 November.

Poppy Appeal

Our Year 2 prefects will be selling poppies next week in school. If you would like your child to buy a poppy in support of the Royal British Legion, please send a donation into school with them, thank you.

Catch up flu vaccinations

For those children who were absent on the day of the flu vaccines last month, the School Immunisation team will be returning to the school on Tuesday 30 November to administer the vaccine to those children whose parents have consented.

Second hand uniform sales

Our PTA are planning to start twice weekly second-hand school uniform sales on Mondays and Thursdays after school in the Studio (portakabin in the Year 1 playground). These will start from Monday 15 November and the PTA are accepting further donations of second hand uniform - more details to follow.

Kingston Borough Children's centres programme Autumn 2021

Please find attached two flyers with details of the centre's Autumn programme as well as details of AfC's new Parent Support Cafe for parents who would like to have a chat about their child's behaviour and other issues.

Thank you for your continued support of the weekly cake sales, we are so grateful to those parents who donate cakes, run the stall and buy cakes - all proceeds go straight to the classrooms for learning resources.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Warm regards
Janet Berry