

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at our food tasting event this morning. Accent, our caterers, work alongside us to develop the menu and your input is always valuable. We will be sending out a survey after half term to gather opinions on our offer. We also ask children for their feedback. We have a communication booklet which is used by staff and children to give immediate feedback to Accent. Please see the attachment which explains how much lunchtime is valued as part of our school day and and ties in with our Learning behaviours, vocabulary development, manners, social skills, nutrition, resilience and so on. Please do talk to your children about what is on the menu and also reinforce the importance of good manners.





### **CHIPTA**

We are delighted that so many of you have volunteered to help as part of CHIPTA. We have a busy term ahead with our 50th Anniversary Fireworks event and the Christmas Fair. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with the Christmas Fair on Thursday 21st October at 9.00am.

On Monday 18th October at 9.00am all parents are invited in for our first CHIPTA meeting. In this meeting we will be discussing the specific roles within CHIPTA and all parents will have an opportunity to vote. Please see the attached Power point used at our recent meeting, hopefully it will give you a flavour of what CHIPTA does to support the school.

### **Warm, colourful and sparkly mufti day**

We will have a MUFTI day on **Friday 5th November** where your children can wear their own clothes with a warm, colourful and sparkly theme. We will be collecting money to continue our fundraising for new reading books. We are holding our Golden Fireworks the evening before, tickets are selling well and you can buy them here <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CH-Fireworks>.

### **Cake sales**

Thank you so much for continuing to support the weekly cake sales. We are amazed at how much money is being raised, it makes such a difference. Today we raised over £260 for special educational needs resources within the school and every penny will be put to good use in supporting our children. Thank you all for buying, selling and donating cakes.

### **Bedtime Story books**

We hope that your children are enjoying their Bedtime Story books. The aim is that every child has a high quality book to share with you at home. The children seem to love

them and we hope that they are helping towards developing a love of reading which is so important at this age. We are finding that some books are not being returned and also bags are going missing. We are unable to replace the bags. Please keep the books in the Bedtime Story bag and return the books each week, thank you.

### **Parent/Teacher chats next week**

We hope you have all managed to make your appointment for the parent/teacher meetings next week. Please do call us if you are unable to attend. We expect to meet with every family, the meetings are face to face and will be held in your child's classroom. The ICT suite will be available for children to wait - unfortunately we are unable to look after any pre-school children, please take them into the chat with you or arrange alternative care. A reminder that clubs will not be running next week.

### **Christmas Card orders**

If you have not yet placed a Christmas Card order please do so over the weekend at <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>. All Artwork must be returned to school by Monday so that the orders can be processed. We can't place any orders after this time. Many thanks.

### **Science Project**

Please encourage your child to do the Science project that you have received details about on Tapestry or Google classroom. Years 1 and 2 should look at and research an autumn tree and Reception should look at different types of leaves.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

If you have not yet checked and signed the data collection sheet for your child please do so as soon as possible please and return it to the School Office. It is critical that we have the correct, up-to-date details for your child on record, and we must have at least three named contacts who live locally and could collect your child in an emergency within 30 minutes. We will be making sure that we have every sheet returned so please help us, thank you.

### **Half-term family event in Richmond Park - Olly the Little Owl**

Please find attached a link to a lovely family activity taking place in Richmond Park over half term <https://www.frp.org.uk/family-event/>

### **Kingston Adult Education - Community Learning Newsletter (Nov-Dec 2021)**

Please find attached the latest newsletter with details of adult education courses.

Next week we will be focusing on being *Ready* to learn. The Winnie the Pooh character who helps us is Piglet. We will be thinking about being ready to follow the rules, ready to learn and ready to listen to teachers and each other. Please support us by discussing this with your child.

A reminder that **Friday 22nd October** is an INSET day and school will be closed for children.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

