

# Newsletter

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017



Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has been another busy week with lots of exciting events and learning going on in school. We began the week with our Parents' Evening where we had 375 appointments made. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers and to share with you how your children have been settling into the first half term of this academic year. We had lots of positive feedback from our questionnaire: 99.5% of parents and carers felt the discussion with the class teacher helped them to understand how their child was settling down; 99.5% of parents felt their child was safe in school; and 98% felt the school ensured that pupils were well behaved.

Year Six breakfast has continued this week with many of the children attending. It is so wonderful to see the children enjoying a relaxed start to the day. This will be continuing after half term and we hope to see even more Year Six pupils coming along.

It was also lovely to welcome so many parents to the Koala Class Lunch Share Session today. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Mrs. Payne and Miss Bailey for organising this.



Have a lovely half term and we all look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Jane Sendall  
Headteacher

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## Calendar

### October

PD Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (school closed to pupils)

Half term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Pupils return to school - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Deadline for nomination forms for Parent Governors  
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

### November

Individual pupil photographs - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - deadline to book a Christmas Dinner

Book Fair - 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need - 'Spots or Stripes' - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Year Six Parents' Meeting - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November (3:20pm-3:45pm)

### December

Art Exhibition - parents invited to visit Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (3:15pm-4:30pm)

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Carols on the Playground (3:15pm) - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

EYFS Nativity - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (times/ticket arrangements to be confirmed)



Year Two had a fantastic Science lesson this week learning about different parts of the plant! The children used violas to locate the different parts of a plant and to identify their role in keeping a plant alive. This included: the stem, roots, leaves and the flower. Afterwards, the children were given plants to look after in their classrooms, so that over time, they could see the effects of sunlight, water and soil. The children were eager to see how their plants might change over the next few weeks.

### Ice-cream making

Year Five had a fantastic Science lesson this week learning about changes of state and reversible changes. We used fair testing to create our own ice-cream by mixing our ingredients together, and then surrounding it with ice and salt. Can you believe it took less than five minutes to freeze? We had such an engaging and exciting time, and loved being practical scientists - with a yummy result too!



### Year Three

In Year Three we had a day dedicated to Diwali where we learnt lots of new things. We learnt that Diwali was the Festival of Light and we discussed belonging and working together. We even made lanterns to represent the light. We had a wonderful day.



We will be supporting Children In Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The children are invited to wear stripes or spots on that day. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 to support this fundraiser.

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