



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

27th September 2021

We had a lovely day today celebrating the European Day of Languages. We all learnt a few phrases to introduce ourselves and, depending on our class, enjoyed cooking and tasting foods, learning songs, exploring the geography and finding out about the culture of our chosen country. As they would say in Congo Class, "Es war alles sehr gut!"

## PARENT GOVERNOR

Do you have an interest in how your child's school is run? Are you happy to share your opinions? Are you able to work in a team? Are you able to spare 3 to 4 hours a month?

Do you want to be part of the schools decision making process? If you are, we are looking to recruit a new parent governor. We are a mixed bunch of people all from different backgrounds. There is training available but the greatest skill you can bring is your voice as a parent.

If you want to know more, please speak with Mr Taylor or message Clare Foster-Clarke 07952702456 or call her at home on 01379 384849 .

## LIBRARIANS

Well done to the newly appointed Librarian team! Each librarian had to write an application letter to take on the role, explaining why they thought they were suitable. We were very impressed with the standard of their letters and their ideas. They have big plans which they are already starting to put into place. The first job has been to back and label all the new Barrington Stoke books. These books were requested by Imogen in Year 6; she wrote an extremely persuasive letter to explain why they were needed and £1000 was spent on a complete set. Each lunchtime, a rota of librarians will be on duty either in the library or the reading area outside supporting the younger children and generally keeping things tidy.

*Are you available to help? We need an adult helper to run our lending library so that children can take home one of our library books in addition to our reading books. Please let Mr Leicester know if you can offer your time. Thank you.*

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a nut-free school as we have several members of staff and children with severe nut allergies. Please bear this in mind when preparing packed lunches. Unfortunately, nuts are present in all sorts of snacks and spreads including, so please take care. Thank you.



## PARKING AT THE BAPTIST CHAPEL

Pastor Paul Buss of the Baptist Chapel has let us know that the carpark at the new chapel is open for use. This is great news and should greatly ease any morning congestion. Hopefully the last patch of pavement will also be finished soon.

## WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Please pencil the Sponsored Walk on Thursday 22nd October into your diaries. The walk, which will raise money to supply all the books on the Essential Reading Lists for the school, will take us on a route around the village and fields near the school. The walk is a very relaxed affair: the older children walk with the younger ones to encourage them and we all collect stickers as we go. Parents and grandparents are invited to come with us, so please reserve the date. If you are able to help marshal the walk, or help at one of the refreshment stands, please let Mr Leicester or the office know. A letter with further details and a sponsor form will come out next week.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

Parent Evening meetings will take place from 12th—14th October. Please sign up on the forms outside the office from Monday 4th October. If you can't make it into school, please phone the office to book your slot. Thank you.

## DIARY DATES

Thurs 7th Oct	National Poetry Day
Fri 8th Oct	World Mental Health Day
Tue 12th – Thurs 14th Oct	Parents Evenings
Thurs 22nd Oct	Walk on the Wild Side

## READING HELPERS

We have always relied on parent volunteers to hear readers each week, but were forced to stop this over the last year. We are now keen to start again. If you, or another family member, can spare a regular amount of time each week (either mornings or afternoons) we would love to hear from you. We are hoping to recruit a small team, so that each class has a volunteer. It's an extremely rewarding way to spend your time, so please get in touch if you can.

## LOST NOT FOUND

The number of unnamed cardigans and tops found without names on is growing at an unfathomable rate. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come to the office to reclaim it. Mrs Drax and Mrs Eaves will shortly be putting a table outside the front of the school so you can try and spot any missing items. After half-term, we will pass on unclaimed clothes for resale or recycling. Please help us and label all your child's uniform. Thank you.

## REFLECTION SHED

The Reflection Shed opened for business this week manned by some enthusiastic monitors in Congo Class. The space is a place to be calm and thoughtful and to escape the busy hustle and bustle of the playing field. The theme at the moment is Rainbows.

## SCHOOL GARDEN

Thank you to the school gardeners who have brightened up our classrooms with posies of arranged flowers. They're lovely.

## OPEN DOOR

If you have any comments, queries or questions and would like to speak to your child's teacher, please do feel free to stay on at the end of the day. We are always happy to talk – simply hang on a little while as we see off the other children. Thank you.