



22 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

This week, we have been celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it has been lovely to go through the photographs from all those years ago. Of course many of the children that started in 2023 are adults themselves now and those of us still at the school are ten years older! Today, we sang “Happy Birthday” in assembly and then had a picnic style lunch in the Hall, followed by KS2 leading a conga down the corridor.

Parents, carers and children are warmly invited to come into school at the end of today to visit their child’s classroom, say hello to the class teacher and look around the school informally if they wish to. I am sure you will agree that the school still looks in a splendid condition ten years on and we must thank the whole school community for helping to keep it that way. Tomorrow, we have invited families from our original classes to visit for a reunion, something we always said we would do as they made a leap of faith and signed up for a brand new school which hadn’t even been built at that time. In fact, all I could offer was a field, some drawings and the promise of a wonderful experience during their primary school years, which I hoped we lived up to.

### Reading at Home

Your child should now have two books they bring home from school to read with you. This is either a banded book (Big Cat) or a book from our library - or both! Although we are reading with your children in school, it is also important they read with you at home not only to practise their reading skills but also sharing stories to develop a love for reading. When you read any of these books with your child, or when they are confident readers and can read by themselves (Yrs 5 & 6), please sign their reading record. Each time your child reads, they will receive a sticker for their bookmark. When they fill one side of their bookmark they will receive a bronze certificate, a full bookmark = silver, half of a second bookmark = gold and two full bookmarks will be a prize of a brand new book. We look forward to seeing how many certificates we can award.



### KIC Theatre

Last week, we welcomed Ian from KIC Theatre into school. All classes had a drama workshop based on the book they are exploring in their English lessons. The children threw their heart and soul into their session and Ian was so impressed with our youngest children in Billy Class who have only been in school for two weeks.

# Jane Goodall - Roots and Shoots Group

We have appeared in the most recent 'Roots and Shoots' newsletter. Well done to all involved!



## Metal Collecting

We are still collecting scrap metal this year. We use the money raise to develop our outdoor environment and also buy new books for our reading shed, library and for our book prizes. We collect any scrap metal and this also includes drinks cans and food tins. If you are able to collect these for us, please bring them to the main reception where there is a large box. If you are collecting drinks cans, and you are able to crush them by stamping on them, that would save us a big job in school. Once again, thank you for your support.

## Class Overviews

You should now have a class overview for children in Years 1-6 which shows you what your child is learning this term. This is a handy guide so you can talk to your child about what they have been doing in class and it might also support you with any day trips out. These can also be found on the class pages on our school website. Mrs de Roeck has been busy updating the website so do have a look when you have the opportunity and remember that all the key dates for the year are available on there too.

## New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Miss Baldock and Miss Mallon as part of our support staff team and they will be working in Yr 6 and Yr1 respectively.

## Parent Consultation Meetings

Due to staff absence in the admin team, the forms to book this will be going out on **Monday** as the meetings are due to be held the following week. We will be improving this in the future as we move to an online booking system but bear with us on this occasion and we will do our best to accommodate everyone. Do look out for these forms and return them to us as soon as possible.

Have a good weekend

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