



*Building Community, Enriching Lives*

## **Newsletter: 23rd October 2020**

As we reach the end of an eight week term, I know the children are really ready for a break. They have all worked hard this term and it has been quite a change for them after six months of partial schooling. However, they have all settled back to school really well in what is our new 'normal' for the current time. I would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard this term to make sure that school runs smoothly and that children have been able to return with some sense of normality. They have focused on getting the children back on track with their learning but also on their well being, ensuring they are in the right mind to learn.

Thank you to you all for your support and understanding this term with different routines and changes with activities. Staff are working hard to make sure that lockdown does not have a longer term impact on our pupils' education and well being and would like to pass on their thanks to you for ensuring your children have been in school. Attendance and punctuality have been excellent this term: Swift and Swallow class 96 %; Goldfinch 97.7% and Skylark 99%. Good attendance has a very positive effect on pupils achievement.

Please take a moment to read the online safety survey below. If you haven't seen the documentary 'Social Dilemma' on Netflix, it is worth watching to give a view into the online world.

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

### **Online Safety – Pupil Survey Results**

This term we carried out a pupil survey about using technology and online activity. Please see the attached sheet for the overview of results.

We are all aware that children may be spending increased time online at the moment as they are unable to access other activities. The best way to monitor your child's activity is to speak to them about what they are playing/doing on line; set time boundaries , including putting their device down at least an hour before bedtime so that the it doesn't interfere with their sleep cycle and not allowing them to take the devices to bed at night. Please use the following links to access resources to help you understand how to keep your child safe on line.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### **Harvest Festival Video**

Thank you once again for your donations to the SendaCow charity. We raised £82 to forward to them.

This week the children have been thinking about harvest, performing songs and writing poems. We have filmed these and will be making the video available to parents tomorrow. Maybe grab a cup of tea and watch it with your child/children in the absence of our usual Harvest Festival celebration!

### **Hot Dinners**

We have been working hard to find a solution to having hot dinners back in school again. Due to the restrictions on space and pupil movement around school, we will be able to provide hot dinners for Swallow and Skylark class only from Monday 9th November.

More details to follow after half term.

### **FOLS Bingo**

Many thanks to FOLS for the virtual Bingo evening last Friday. It was lovely to see the children so excited even if only on Zoom. It was a really fun evening and will help with much needed fundraising for this year.

### **100 Club**

116 numbers have been sold this year! Many thanks to everyone who has supported 100 Club. September and October winners are:

September		October	
1st 65	Richard Groves	1st 14	Mrs Tranter
2nd 67	Janet Florence	2nd 49	Becky Friend
3rd 77	Pat Mitchell	3rd 98	Jason Lech
4th 52	Kerryanne Hollis	4th 13	Paul Walker

### **Forest School**

Please note the change of date after half term . Goldfinch will be going on the first Tuesday back.



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Dates for Terms 2 2020

Monday 2nd November	All children return to school for Term 2
Tuesday 3rd November	Goldfinch Class to Forest School
Tuesday 10th November	Swallow Class to Forest School
Tuesday 17th November	Swift Class to Forest School
Tuesday 24th November	Skylark Class to Forest School
Tuesday 1st December	Swallow Class to Forest School
Tuesday 8th December	Goldfinch Class to Forest School
Tuesday 15th December	Swift Class to Forest School
Friday 18th December	Last day of term before the Christmas Break