

## **Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

A huge thank you to Mr James Cope from Arden Estates who has donated a massive £500.00 to our school to help improve our sports equipment. We are overwhelmed and our children and staff are very grateful.

### **Reading Presentation for Parents**

Thank you to all those who attended our reading presentation. It was a wonderful opportunity to see you all and share our excitement for reading with you all.



### **Dinosaur Day**

The children in years Reception, 1 & 2 had a real treat when we had a visit from the dinosaur. He was very well behaved and didn't bite anyone. All the children and staff were super excited to meet the dinosaur.

### **Fundraiser**

Our school council have chosen to support a mental health charity this academic year called "young minds". This tied in nicely with this year's mental health awareness day whereby we held a non-school uniform day. Thank you for your support together we raised an amazing £373.00.

**#HelloYellow!**

Exercise is great for mental health, Body Shot Boxing in Redditch are offering free children's sessions for the whole of October on a Sunday morning at 10am.

Email [bodyshotboxing.redditch@gmail.com](mailto:bodyshotboxing.redditch@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Netball Volunteer**

Year 5 & 6 invite any parent volunteers to help on a Thursday with netball club. If you can spare any time please contact the office.

### **Plastic Bags**

If anyone has any spare, plastic bags they no longer require we can always find a use for them in our medical room for children who need to change clothing throughout the day. Please drop off at the office.

### **Photographs**

All photograph proofs have been distributed with a few sibling exceptions that were missing which I have since re-ordered.

I am expecting those to be with me next week.

All photograph orders not completed online will need to be handed in to the office no later than Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to be included in our school collection. Anything later than that will need to be ordered direct and pay postage to your home address.

### **Flu Nasal Vaccinations**

This will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish for your child to receive the vaccination (nasal spray), you can still do so if you return your consent form Monday morning.

### **Year 2 Seaside Day- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Letters sent home today.

Year 2 will be having a Punch & Judy show to celebrate.

### **Reception Hearing tests 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Letters have been sent home from our school nursing team regarding hearing tests offered for our reception children.

If you do NOT wish your child to have the test please contact the team direct on 01905 681700. You do not need to reply if you consent.

### **Harvest Festival**

Our harvest festival will be held at the Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 1:45pm. Parents of years 3 & 4 only are welcome to watch their children perform. The whole school will be attending the performance on other days but will not be part of the performance. The PTA will be providing refreshments in the school hall following the performance.

**Please, Please, Please could we have cake donations for this, which will need to be handed into the office on the morning of October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Foodbank assembly**

As per previous years, we ask for donations of tinned food supporting the Redditch foodbank. The children will have an assembly on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October whereby they will receive information on what food types are needed.

### **Bikeability**

Our year 5 children will have had bikeability consent forms sent home with full instructions on what is required for the training. If you have not already done so please return these by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If we do not receive them, your child cannot take part in the training. The cost of this training is £5 payable by ParentPay

### **Parents Evening – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Letters have been sent home for parents evening appointments. Please make sure these are returned to the class teacher by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Panto**

Letters have been handed out for this year's Panto "Cinderella". The cost of this is £17.00. We understand this may be difficult at this time of year but unfortunately, the cost is reflective of the price increase from coach companies and insurance for the trip.

### **School Lunches**

Please note: It is vital that you inform our provider AIP of any allergies your child may have prior to ordering meals. If your child has an allergy you **MUST** select the Allergy menu. If you have not discussed an allergy with AIP they will only provide your child with a jacket potato despite what meal you have selected for your child. This is purely because they know what ingredients are freshly prepared which you will not be aware of such as celery in the tomato sauce used for pizza base or lasagne.

It is vital that you email [allergens@ainp.co.uk](mailto:allergens@ainp.co.uk) or contact head office on 0121 420 3030 if you have previously listed an allergy with school of any kind.

### **ABSafety needs your help!**

If you can spare any time at the beginning of the day just to help put equipment away please let the office know. Many hands make light work. Volunteers are very much welcomed.

Please do not drop your child before 8:40 am in the morning as they will not be supervised and we cannot guarantee their safety as this is not within the permitted times of drop off.

### **PTA**

The PTA held their meeting at the Oddfellow Arms this week for Christmas preparations. If you cannot make the meetings but would be available to help at events please contact the office.

### **Lost Property**

There is a lost property area just inside the blue doors where Year 3 enter school. You are welcome to look at the end of the school day once children have been seen off safely.

### **Parking**

Please do not park on the staff car park when dropping your child at Astwood Smile's before and after school care. Children are not permitted on the car park for safety reasons, not even to walk through from Popes Lane. Only parents who have been given a permit are allowed to use the disabled bay which has direct access to the school building without danger. This rule is a health and safety rule and should be adhered to. Please take care when parking not to block residents' driveways or park on the pavements.

Finally don't forget our 'Walking Bus' facility which leaves from Astwood Smiles Nursery Car Park at 8.40am each morning and we ask any parents using this facility to volunteer on the rota to escort the children to school. Children can be dropped at Astwood Smiles from 8.30 onwards. Please ask at the school office if you require further information. Many thanks.

### **Change of details**

If you have changed address or have new contact details, please inform the school office. You will soon be receiving the data collection sheets to check, this is to ensure that all the data we hold on you and your child/ren is correct. It is imperative that you check it, sign and return the sheet so we can make any amendments necessary.

### **Nut Allergies!**

**May I remind you that due to allergies we ask that you ensure your child does not bring any nuts in their lunchbox. This includes Peanut Butter and Nutella.**

### **Forest School Year 1 Dates**

17<sup>th</sup> October 1M  
24<sup>th</sup> October 1LS  
7<sup>th</sup> November 1M  
14<sup>th</sup> November 1LS  
21<sup>st</sup> November 1M  
28<sup>th</sup> November 1LS  
5<sup>th</sup> December 1M  
12<sup>th</sup> December 1LS

These dates are on the website on the year 1 page if ever-in doubt please check.



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