



Newsletter No 2

20th September 2019

With faith and nurture we flourish

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates: The bottom of the newsletter has key dates for the upcoming term. Our website has all the dates set so far for the year including parent's evenings and sports day etc – please click on the calendar link on the home page.

Pupil Voice and Responsibilities: As part of our citizenship education and in order to nurturing leadership skills we involve our children in taking part in decisions which affect them and in the day to day running of the school. The children have democratically voted for the class councillors and head pupils to represent them on our school council and have held our first school council meeting of the year.

Alongside this we have also introduced the role of school prefects. These are Year 6 pupils chosen by the staff who feel they are great role models for the younger children; children who uphold our School Values, have a good attitude to learning and can be relied on to be polite and well behaved. They will work alongside the Head pupils and be involved school organisation.

Head Boys this year are: Monty & Finlay

Class Councillors are:

Year 1:	Henry & Bea
Year 2:	Chloe & Lilly
Year 3:	Elsie P & Millie
Year 4:	Ruby & Theo
Year 5:	Andreja & Aoife
Year 6:	Monty & Finlay

Prefects for the term are: Amelia & Isabel

Please look on the website for more detail on how the school Council is run and the roles and responsibilities of the head pupils and prefects.

Parent's Forum: Please come along on Tuesday 1st October at 8:50am in Woodpecker Room. This is an opportunity for you to raise suggestions for how you would like things to be improved as well as tell us what is working well in an informal setting. If you are not able to attend but have something you would like raised then please complete a slip from the red rack and put it in the yellow tray. We will then bring your view to the meeting.

Coats: The weather has been lovely so far this term but the forecast is for it to change soon. Please make sure your child has a coat in school each day as we do try to send children out to run around whatever the weather; obviously not in a torrential downpour but if it's drizzling we still go out.

Year 6 Height & weigh national measuring program: You have been sent information about this data collection for year 6 pupils. Please complete and return the form given to your child. Please note that this year there is a change and the system is now **OPT OUT** ie all children will be measured unless you have informed the NHS that you don't want it done by following the instructions in the letter.

Flu nasal vaccination: The flu vaccination is available to all pupils. R to Year 6 and will take place on Friday 18th October in school. Consent needs to be given online via the link on the yellow letter: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts> by Fri 4th October. If you have arranged for your child to have this done elsewhere or you don't want it given please could you let us know in the school office.

Proposed Panto trip: we have had 19 out of a possible 33 responses from parents as to whether we should go ahead with this trip. Of those 15 are very much in support and mention how much their children enjoy it. Only one has booked to go as a family and two are concerned about the cost. In light of this we will go ahead with the planned trip. Details and final costs will be given later.

Cross Country: Children in Kestrel class are going to Dauntsey's School on Friday 27th September to take part in a cross country event with 7 other primary schools in the area. This starts at 12:30. We are providing transport to and from the event. You are welcome to go and watch your child take part. If so please let us know and meet us there. If you will be taking your child home directly from the event please let Mrs Scaplehorn know.

Harvest: Please join us for our service in the church at 9am on Thursday 3rd October. Any donations of (in date!) tins or dried goods are very welcome and will be donated to the Trussell Trust who support local families.

Christian Value: This term we are focusing in school on the value of **trust**. Trust is the basis of all stable relationships, including a person's relationship with God. Our core value of friendship is rooted in trust. God's commitment to humanity is seen in his trust in people to carry out His purpose.

In school we are considering:

- What it means to have trust in others
- How we can demonstrate our trustworthiness
- Which role models show trust in our school community and the wider world

School Council: We had our first School Council meeting yesterday where we talked about a range of issues raised by the children in class council meetings. I was particularly impressed with the way they themselves came up with suggestions to resolve issues and that they raised things on behalf of others – showing care for others in their community.

PTFA: There is the first meeting of the new PTFA next Wednesday evening in Woodpecker Room at 7:30. If you would like to find how you could become involved with this fantastic group of parents please go along or talk to a committee member.

We welcome and value your opinion. Please do feel free to come in to see me at any time if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

With regards

Lisa Meredith

Upcoming events and diary dates:

Friday 27th September – Y5/6 Cross Country at Dauntsey's School 12:30pm

Tuesday 1st October – Parent's Forum 8:50am in Woodpecker room

Thursday 3rd October- Harvest Service in the Church 9:00 am. All Welcome

Friday 18th October – flu vaccinations (Nasal spray).

Tuesday 22nd October – Chough/Kestrel classes Anglo Saxon Day: details to follow

Wednesday 23th October – TD Day and last day of term 1

Monday 4th November – Term 2 starts

Thursday 7th November – Parent's Evening 2:15 – 5:30pm

Friday 15th November – Children in Need – Non uniform – bring a cake or biscuits and we will have a cake sale after school

Saturday 16th November – family lantern making workshop

Tuesday 19th November – World Toilet Day – our toilet twinning

Friday November 29th – Devizes Lantern Parade

Saturday 30th November – Hockey Festival at Dauntsey's School 8:45am

Saturday 30th November – St Nicholas Fair

Tuesday 3rd December – Parent's Forum

Wednesday 11th December – Carol Singing at Stonehenge (evening – time to be confirmed)

Thursday 12th December – provisional Panto date

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Church Service and last day of term for children.

Friday 20th December – TD Day