



6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of another busy week approaches – and only 2 more weeks left until half-term. This week I was really pleased to meet with our new Parent Association representatives and hear about all the ideas they have for fund-raising events in the weeks and months ahead. Their newsletter will be sent out shortly so please do have a read through.

Assembly Update

Every week our assembly timetable provides opportunities for the children to come together either as a key stage or whole school with a particular focus or theme. Tuesday is always birthday assembly for the younger children and we have a whole school singing assembly on a Wednesday morning, led by Mrs DuPlessis and her famous singing stick!

Thursday assemblies often have a subject focus where children from across the school share what they have been learning in subjects such as PE, science or PSHCE. This week on Thursday, we had a class assembly where the parents of Year 6 came in and the children shared examples of all their learning so far this half term. Thank you Year 6 for a lovely assembly – you have certainly been busy this term!

In other assemblies over the last few weeks, the children have been thinking about the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as talking about respect and strategies they can use to feel calm.

Friday assemblies are always our celebration assemblies where across the year every child will be celebrated. This could be for many different reasons including their learning, showing kindness to a friend or for following one of our golden rules.

World mental Health Day



In assembly on Monday we will be talking about World Mental Health Day which is taking place on Tuesday 10th October 2023. You may have seen the adverts in the last week or so encouraging everyone to be taking part in a talking homework – an opportunity for children to find time to talk about their worries or concerns with a trusted adult who will listen to them. We will be sending this home with children on Monday as a whole school homework and ask for your support in finding time to sit down and talk.

School Council Harvest Collection

Our new School Council are already busy organising the collection for our Harvest Assembly next Thursday. A letter went out yesterday detailing the items we are asking you to contribute, if you are able to, from next Monday. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Buddies

It is always so lovely at this time of the academic year when we get to observe the growing relationships between our new Reception children and their Year 5 buddies. It is amazing quite how quickly the bonds develop in these early weeks. The Year 5 children have been busy taking their buddies to lunch and helping them settle into new routines and they love spending time together.



Parent consultations

You will have seen the letter about parent consultations taking place in the week commencing 16th October. The School Cloud system opens for booking appointments on **Monday 9th October at 6pm**. Appointments on the Wednesday will be held remotely and those on the Thursday will be face-to-face. Parents who have already been contacted by teachers or the office to arrange an appointment do not need to book using the School Cloud system.

Space Week (4th – 10th October)

We were very pleased this week to welcome ex-pupil Abigail Way back to Camp. Abi is now studying at Queens University in Belfast and is on a placement year at Airbus industries. She came to talk to the children in Year 5 about space (which links to their science learning) and also share her learning journey since she left Camp School over 9 years ago. Abi also spoke to the children in Year 4 and Year 6 and was so enthusiastic about her studies and placement year – a real inspiration to the children.

If you are in touch with any previous Camp School children who are working, studying or completing apprenticeships, then please do ask them to get in touch. We would love to welcome more ex-students back to talk to the children in Key Stage 2.



Mosaic club

We are pleased to announce that after half-term we are able to offer a new mosaic club on a Friday afternoon from 2.35pm to 3.35pm. This will be open to children in Years 1 – 4 and will be led by Audrey Montet who worked with us last year to produce the large mosaic in the school entrance. Due to the cost of materials used, the club will cost £9 per session. We will send out details of how to book a space on the club next week. Thank you.

Finally, a reminder that our INSET days and term dates for the year are all on our calendar on the website. The next INSET day is on Monday 30th October following the half-term holiday. Please do check the term dates before planning any holidays. No holidays will be authorised outside of term time. Thank you.

I hope you all enjoy the promised sunshine this weekend,
With best wishes

Sharon Barton
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