



## Weekly News Friday 6th January



### Welcome back!

On behalf of the staff team, I'd like to thank you for all the personal messages of support and kind gifts we received before the Christmas break. It was greatly appreciated.

As we welcome our pupils back into school for the new term please note these important reminders:

- A written note is required for absence.
- Punctuality is important to minimise stress for your child. School starts at 8.55am. Finish times are 1.50pm & 2.50pm sharp.

### After School Clubs

There is a wide variety of clubs on offer this term including Football (offered to team/club members only), History, Basketball and Scripture Union (SU). This term we have been able to provide some of these free of charge. As spaces will be limited, please ensure that you have returned permission slips. This will allow us to allocate spaces.

### Cash for Clobber

The New Year may have inspired a wardrobe clear out in your homes. If you have any unwanted clothing for recycling please bring these into school inside a bin bag. All items collected raise money for school funds. Bags will be collected by the textile company on Wednesday 25th January 2023!

### Illness

Scarlet Fever and Strep A are causing concern this winter. Please could we ask that if your child is displaying symptoms that you keep them at home and inform school, by writing or by Seesaw (do not phone) that your child will be absent. We have posted guidance on seesaw already which you may find helpful. Follow PHA guidance and contact your GP if you are concerned about your child.

If we have a cluster of cases within school we will use the warn and inform letter.

**If your child has vomiting/diarrhoea they must not be in school until 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting/diarrhoea. Please be considerate in trying to minimise the spread of illness to other children and staff.**

### School Value - Perseverance

Pupils have been discussing setting personal targets for the new term. This month we will be focusing on the school value of perseverance.

### Chinese New Year

Pupils will have opportunities to learn about the Chinese New Year on Friday 20th January. The children will rotate around 4 workshops provided by our staff to experience the culture and traditions.

This will be a house team event and will be a non uniform day. Pupils should wear an item of clothing of their house team colour if possible. As in previous years pupils should bring £1 to class.

### Staffing Updates

P1/2: The Board of Governors were pleased to appoint Mrs C Leeke as Senior Teacher. She joins Mrs Kane (VP) on the Senior Leadership team within the school.

Miss Amy Lyons has been appointed by the Board of Governors as a SEN classroom assistant.

P3/4: Mrs Redpath will teach P3/4 on a full time basis for the remainder of the year. Mrs Wall has gained permanent employment with the NSPCC and we wish her well in her new post. Her temporary service to the school has been greatly appreciated.

P6/7 are delighted to welcome Mrs Barr back to school.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Kathleen Inglis as a classroom assistant to the P6/7 classroom. She joined the team in October.

### P6/7 Swimming lessons

Pupils will have received permission letters this week and those must be returned before swimming begins on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

***Pupils should bring £2.60 in cash every week for lessons. This will be paid at JDLC on the day so if your child has no/insufficient money with them they will be unable to swim.***

Deodorant/sprays are strictly prohibited on the bus and we have been asked by EA transport to make sure parents are aware that aerosols and sprays should not be brought onto the bus.

### P1 applications

The EA Connect School Applications portal will open on Tuesday 10th January. Applications should be made by 31st January 2023 by 4pm.

This should be completed by following the link provided: [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

### Flu Vaccinations

If any child missed getting the flu vaccine in school parents should now contact their GP for further advice.

### Dates for the diary

Monday 9th January- After School Clubs begin

Tuesday 10th January- P6/7 swimming starts

Friday 20th January- Chinese New Year event

Wednesday 25th January—cash for clobber collection

Thursday 26th January- Football tournament