



## Newsletter 2

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2018



*Discovering the best in all*

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Messy Church – 3:20	Run by St Nicolas Church
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Curriculum meeting	For Parents & Carers with children in Reception
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Bluebell Railway Trip	Fox Class

### Head Boy and Head Girl

Mrs Newbold announced our new Head Boy and Head Girl in assembly today and we are delighted to inform you that Elliot Coster and Sinead Doe have been chosen for these positions. Luke Witney and Dolly McDowell are going to be Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

### House Points

Well done to Roddick team (Red) who had the most points this week.

### School Travel Update

Last term we began a piece of work with the Parish Council, Barns Green Playgroup and Muntham House to improve road safety around the village.

You will notice the '20 is Plenty' signs at strategic points around the village.

The following update is from Paul Allen, of the Parish Council.

*"Whilst it may appear we have been quiet a lot of activity has been going on.*

*I have reminded Clare Faulkner of WSCC Highways on two occasions to ascertain where we are re: the development of a school crossing at the crossroads. To remind you they are in agreement to this but last time they were still reviewing if it should go from Sandhills Road to Two Mile Ash Road or Chapel Road to Two Mile Ash Road. They have been told on numerous occasions our preference is for the latter. This has also been endorsed by our local WSCC Highways Manager. Last time I spoke to Claire she told me they were still looking at the options.*

*It is obvious to us the latter one is the sensible choice because you only have to cross the road once and you are on the school side of Two Mile Ash Road. On the other option you have two important issues. One there is little room on the pavement at the corner of Two Mile ash Road and Sandhills Road. Secondly you have to cross Two Mile Ash again to get to the school when there are high volumes of traffic.*

*Turning to the proposal for Muntham Drive to create a pathway. Terry (Jones) has spoken to Mark Tidey of Tidey and Webb, and he was referred to a contractor they use for signage on roads and car parks. They charge by the half day, and it is expected the cost of materials and labour would be under £1000. As we progress this a quotation will be obtained.*

*We have been contacting residents of Muntham Drive and so far there are no objections to the proposal.*

*I have also contacted The Sports and Social Club along with The VH Management Committee, but so far have not heard any responses.*

*The Traffic Group has submitted a proposal to WSCC Community Funding Scheme for a mini roundabout at the crossroads. This has been acknowledged by them and has the support of IPC and Amanda Jupp our County Councillor.*

*Highways will look at this application along with others and use a points system to decide which ones go through. They have a very small budget for this at around £2M for the whole County. We will know the result in October. In the application we have said WSCC Highways have agreed something needs to be done at school times at this dangerous location so we hope this will help our application to have something done for the other times.*

*We will be discussing portable Speed Indication Devices with IPC and looking for them for funds."*

### **Class Assemblies**

These have been added to the school calendar on the web site.

Fox Class – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Otter Class – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Squirrel Class – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Hedgehog Class - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Dormouse Class – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

These assemblies will begin at 2:50. You are welcome to come along to watch.

In addition, the Year 6 Memory Assembly is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am. Again you are welcome to attend.

## School Grounds

As you are probably aware, school budgets have become increasingly tight, to the point. Over the coming term we will be carrying out grounds work that will reduce the necessary upkeep. This will involve replacing some of the planting beds with turf. This is until such time that funding becomes available to maintain them again.

The PTA & Governing Body have agreed to the establishment of a working party that will help us plan and fund development projects in the grounds. This is still at an early stage. We have a list of possible development projects and I am in the process of obtaining approximate figures to allow us to draw up a strategic plan for such work. I will keep you up-to-date by this newsletter.

## Headlice

We have had a case of headlice in school this week. Please can you make sure you check your children's hair regularly for headlice.

## Reminders

Please can long hair be tied up. Please can children make sure they always have a coat in school.

## PGL – Residential Trip

The September PGL payment for Yr 5+6 will be due on the 24th.

## Star of the Week – (w/e - 7/9/18)

