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## Autumn Term 2017 - Newsletter - Number 5

Dear families and children,

### **PTA Events - Neon Disco**

Well...this was an event that surpassed all expectations! The children looked incredible in their neon painted T shirts and the organisers had competitions and routines to keep all the children very amused! It really was a fantastic event!

### **PTA Firework event**

Our annual Firework night is this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Payment on entry is £2 for children and £3 for adults - much cheaper than other firework displays. The doors for entry open at 5.30pm and the display is at 6.30pm and lasts for 15 minutes. Refreshments can be purchased! We are expecting it to be very busy and suggest walking to the event as the car park will not be available for use. If you do drive, please do so carefully and consider the many children and adults walking to the event. Also, please park in the area with respect for the neighbours who live close to the school. This is always a fantastic event so please come along!

### **Online Survey for families**

Last night the PTA looked at the results of the parent/carer online questionnaire completed just before half term - thank you for contributing to this questionnaire. The PTA were very heartened by the many comments of praise and appreciation given in the questionnaire. They did note that evening meetings can be problematic for parents to attend so they are proposing from next year to hold some late night meetings and ones after school and even during the school day. More details of these meetings will sent home in the New Year. The PTA also understood that attendance at evening events for adults is an issue in terms of childcare. They are going to think about events for adults and children that can be held in the evenings so that the whole family can enjoy some time together. Above all, the best news was that the children enjoy the events planned for them and that our families want to support the PTA as much as possible. This is fantastic news! The results of the parent/carer online questionnaire can be found on the website just below the link for this newsletter. Thank you!

### **New Celebration garden**

Thanks to those who have let us know of people who may be able to help us develop our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary garden for the children. We want to build some wooden bridges, lay some path, plant some plants. If you know of anyone who is willing to help please contact the school office and let them know. The children are currently doing an online questionnaire to tell us what they would like in their new garden. This is almost complete and will be put on the school website once it is finished. We will let you know when that happens.



### ***Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme***

A reminder to parents of pupils in Reception, years 1,2,3 and 4 - the Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme involves children in these classes. In this school it will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure you have returned your paperwork for your child. Thank you.

### ***Poppy Appeal***

The annual Poppy Appeal is underway and a box of goodies has been delivered to school. Items cost £1 or 50p and cash should be brought into school to purchase items. The children have seen the items today and may come home with their shopping list!

### ***Dates for this half term***

Due to supply issues the date for the Children's Christmas lunch has been changed to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. A reminder of the remaining dates for this half term is:

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - art exhibition - details to be put on website
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December PTA film night - details to be put on website
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Xmas performance dress rehearsal at 9.30am and afternoon performance at 2.00pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December xmas performance in afternoon at 2.00pm and evening at 5.00pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - PTA children's xmas fair and Nursery carols - details to be put on website
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December children's xmas lunch - TBC

### ***Texts and emails***

From 1<sup>st</sup> November our text system will be used for urgent notices only e.g. bumped heads, cancellation of an event that day, reminder of an event the following day. We will be emailing all other information including newsletter notifications so please check your emails regularly.

### ***Behaviour policy updates***

As you are aware, we have been trialling the behaviour cards on SPTO since we came back to school in September. This has gone well so far and it has been lovely to see the children so enthusiastic to get their cards. The staff would like to carry on trialling these for another half term as some families have only just started to access SPTO and are unfamiliar with how this works. In the meantime, in addition to this, from next week we are starting to trial adding house points to SPTO. The children get very excited about their house points and we are hoping that seeing them online will enthuse and excite them! Towards the end of the term we will then update our behaviour policy to reflect what part of these systems we will add to the policy. In the meantime, you can let us know your thoughts about these systems by emailing to the school office, catching us for a quick chat or writing in. We will also be continuing talking to the children and gathering their views as well!

*And finally,*

Congratulations to our football team - they won their most recent match 13 - 0! Mrs Gilleece says they are a very talented team and show great sportsmanship as well as playing amazingly!

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher