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### Autumn Term Newsletter 5

Dear Parents and Carers

#### Newsletter last week

Thank you for those parents who gave me some great feedback...it seems those who read them feel it is a vital source of information and the content is helpful. Newsletters will continue in the hope the news will spread and more parents will read them! Sorry, there wasn't one last week – my intention is to send out when there is sufficient news, so sometimes weekly, sometimes fortnightly.

From our Oracy school priority, we're adding a new aspect, 'Family Chat', to encourage discussions about a specific question. We hope it aids discussions at home. It may be hard at first if it is an unusual thing to do but try it....

#### Staffing News

Mrs Tash Watson will be leaving us at half-term. Mrs Watson has been working at our school for 9 years and has decided to embark on a new challenge. Tash will be sorely missed but we thank her for all she has done in school especially how she has developed our Forest School in the last 3 years. Forest School will close at half-term for the winter. We are currently planning for a suitable replacement to restart Forest School in the New Year.

#### Developing independence

We would like your support with a vital yet simple issue regarding children's independence and responsibility. While it may seem kind to carry your child's book-bag / lunchbox, encouraging your child to take responsibility for their belongings is crucial in fostering their independence. By encouraging children to carry their belongings, we help them build essential life skills to serve them well in the future. *Thank you for your support in fostering independence and responsibility in the children. We're in this with you!*

### We are a NO NUT school.

We put this in every Newsletter as a constant reminder to all. We cannot risk any type of nut in our school to avoid anaphylaxis.



#### Readathon 2024!

**Readathon 2024** is taking place from **18<sup>th</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, along with other primary schools in our Richard Huish Trust. We want to win!

The aim is to help enthuse and motivate **ALL of the children to read** – reading anything, anywhere! This could be anything from recipes and magazines to their chosen book from a library. If you think of your child as a reluctant reader, this is the perfect time to inspire and engage them in reading about their favourite things, preparing them for a more positive reading experience in future years.



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**We have a set a school target of 200 hours and £1000+ to purchase new books.**

More information will be shared about this after half term.

Thank you in advance for your support and contributing towards benefitting the reading

### **Family Chat...New addition for our Newsletter.**

The purpose? To discuss with your family and share opinions. It is vital to understand that NOBODY will be wrong, or right for that matter, but a chance to discuss and give reasons for our opinion. We aim to fully engage our children to be able to discuss, and not argue, about something and accept, and respect, opinions which differ from theirs.

So...the first couple of questions to consider and share with your family and friends:

- ***If you could sing ONE song perfectly from start to finish, what would it be and why?***
- ***If you could visit ONE country you've not been before, which one would it be and why?***

### **From the Sports Desk...**

**Golden Mile Success!** Thank you to all marshals who carried out their essential job. Well done to the children, especially for those who were taking part for the first time. Thank you, Mr Bawden, for organising this great event.

Congratulations to our **Cross-Country runners** at Kings on Monday. Ollie came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 5 race with Kupa not far behind. Pak and Chloe were equally impressive in the Year 6 races. Well done all runners!

Our **football team** played against Holway Park in their first match of the season. After a slow start, they conceded two, but managed to score through Harley to make it 1-2. Holway Park went further ahead with 2 more goals. Again we clawed one back through Toby, and we should have scored more but we hit the post several times and their goalkeeper made some wonderful saves. Mason, our goalkeeper, was superb making many great saves! Result 2-5.

**BBC 500 Word Competition** - The BBC writing competition is OPEN!

If your child is a budding author and would like to take part in the BBC 500 Words competition, please click on the link for all details. **Well done to those who have already submitted your stories online** – there is still time for other budding authors to enter the competition. It closes at 9pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

[500 Words \(bbc.co.uk\)](http://bbc.co.uk)

We hope all children enjoy the disco later. It is not a Hallowe'en theme. Thank you PTFA volunteers who have given up their time to support, and to those staff who have also been able to help.

Hope you all have good weekends – 1 week until a well-deserved half-term break.