



17th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school last week with elections, the Halloween disco and our annual pumpkin carving competition, it was definitely a week to remember. We have another busy week ahead, so here are this week's updates.

Roles in school

I am extremely pleased to share with you that our new Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains were announced on Friday. Congratulations to Sam, who is our new Head Boy and Alicia, who is our new Head Girl and our house captains are Nolah, Cian, George and Isla. We look forward to the children representing the school in various upcoming events. I would also like to say a huge congratulation to all the children who entered, all of the videos were fantastic and we were very proud of all the entries. Next half term we will be appointing to the roles of school council and play leaders.

Parents evenings

Parents evenings will be on Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November. This week you will be receiving communication about how to book a parents evening slot by accessing the booking system on Arbor. If you do not yet have access to Arbor, please speak to Nichola Broadbent in the office who will be able to support with this.

Halloween disco

A huge thank you to our fantastic PFA who organised a spooktacular Halloween disco that the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children played games, danced and enjoyed lots of sweet treats. Another big thank you to 'Sheards Packaging' who kindly supplied us with sweets and crisps for the children to enjoy. We are very much looking forward to our next big event which will be our Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December.

School photographs

Tempest photographers are in school on Tuesday 17th October. We will endeavour to try and photograph our youngest children first, so that they can continue enjoying water play, paint and all the other messy areas of learning after the photographs have been taken. Sibling photographs will also be taken at the same time. If you have any queries linked to school photographs, please contact Nichola Broadbent in the school office.

Seesaw drop ins

A reminder that Mrs Burgin is running Seesaw drop ins this week on Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th and Friday 21st between 8.50-9.20 to support any parents who do not yet have access to Seesaw or who need some guidance with how to use it. Please come to the main entrance and sign in and Mrs Burgin will support with any queries.

Good to be Green event

Friday 21st in the afternoon will be our first 'Good to be Green' event of the year. The event is to acknowledge and reward all of our children who have been green all week, for each week of the half term. This half term we will be having a movie afternoon, where the children will be able to vote for a film of their choice and enjoy popcorn, sweets and a drink with their friends. Teachers have kept a record of the children who have stayed on green all week and this has been recorded for each week of the half term. For children who have not stayed on green all week for every week of the half term, they will still join in with the reward but will be given access to the film for a shorter amount of time. For any children who have not had any green weeks, teachers will be in touch via phone call to discuss this with you.

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Curriculum open evening

Just a reminder that our curriculum open evenings are this week on Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th October 2022 between 3.10pm- 4.00pm. Parents of children in Attenborough, Ennis-Hill and Hawking are invited on Wednesday 19th and parents of children in Donaldson, Seacole and Luther-King are invited on Thursday 20th. You are invited to 'drop in' during these times and have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, look at their work and talk to your child's teacher. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Sending my very best wishes

Laura Horsfall

Principal

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