



# Newsletter 9

7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents

## **Shoebbox Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who donated a shoebox for this years Shoebbox Appeal. All of the boxes were collected by Blythswood Care last week for delivery by Christmas.

## **Armistice Day**

If your child belongs to a club such as Beavers, Brownies, Cubs or Rainbows, they are invited to wear their club uniform to school on Friday in recognition of Armistice Day.



## **Tapestry Support**

A reminder that parents of reception children are invited to join us on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45p.m. in our school hall for help and support and to answer any questions you may have about using Tapestry. We look forward to seeing you.

## **School Trips and Activities**

A reminder that our Year 1 pupils are visiting Chatham Dockyard tomorrow and our Year 2 pupils are visiting the dockyard on Wednesday.

Reception children will be enjoying their pirate activity day on Wednesday. We would welcome any outstanding donations of £3 by tomorrow please.

## **Balfour Junior Academy After School Club**

If your child is attending the after school club at Balfour Junior Academy, please could we ask that you ensure that you let your child's class know the days that they will be collected by the walking bus to avoid confusion. Thank you.

## **Online Safety**

As parents you will be aware of the need for online safety for your children. Internet Matters has some useful information to support you in keeping your children safe on their devices and on online platforms and games. Please click on the link below for a step by step guide on setting the right controls and privacy settings to give your children a safer online experience.

[Setting Up Parental Controls Online](#)

## **One Picture Exhibition**



Every year we choose a painting and artist to study to inspire and excite our children's learning. This year the children will be enjoying cross curricular learning inspired by Turner's painting 'The Fighting Temeraire'. The children will learn about Turner as an artist, his works and the time in which he lived, as well as local history.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November you are invited to an exhibition in our school hall between 3p.m. – 4p.m. where you will be able to see a showcase of the children's work. This is always a hugely popular event and we look forward to seeing you then.

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

Anti-Bullying week happens in schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying week has the theme of Reach Out and takes place from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November.

The theme Reach Out aims to encourage children to speak out about bullying, whether to a trusted adult or by reaching out to another person who is being bullied; if we can challenge bullying we can change it.

As a school we are marking the start with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The children are invited to wear odd socks to school for the day (no money contribution is needed). It is designed to be fun and an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



### **Befriending Volunteer**

Medway Voluntary action in Chatham are looking to recruit befriending volunteers to offer face to face or telephone befriending support to people living in Medway who are feeling lonely or socially isolated.

Further information can be found here

[Befriending Volunteer Recruitment](#)

### **School Admissions September 2022**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 a reminder that now is the time to apply for a school place. Applications should be made online on the Medway Council website.

If you have a child in Year 2 a reminder that now is also the time to apply for a Junior School place. Even though we are paired with Balfour Junior Academy please remember an application must still be made online on the Medway Council website.

### **Top Attenders**

Congratulations to Owl Class who were our top attenders last week with 97% of pupils attending school every day. Well done Owls!

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Year 1 Trip to Chatham Dockyard**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Year 2 Trip to Chatham Dockyard**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Year R Pirate Activity Day**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Armistice Day**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Children in Need Day**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**One Picture Exhibition**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Christmas Jumper Day**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Year 2 Christmas Performance**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Year 1 Christmas Performance**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Year R Christmas Performance**

**Last Day of Term 2**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Regards.

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