



October 12th 2018 Issue 6

### **Superb Team**

Over the last couple of weeks, Senior Leaders and I have been around every class observing teaching and learning. We have had quite a few additions to our teaching staff this year and I have been delighted with how our team have gelled and are working hard together on whole school approaches. The teachers and teaching assistants have excellent relationships with our children and the children are achieving well.

On Monday, Mrs Bartoli arranged some training from the Learning and Cognition team and Mrs Carmichael, the advisory teacher, commented on how engaged and keen to learn our staff are. This is so important as we seek to improve but is not easy after a day in school! Well done everyone!

### **Harvest Appeal**

Next week we will be collecting foodstuffs for the local foodbank. Items suggested for donations include tinned food, jars of jam or spread, pasta, cereals, squash, cereal and porridges. If you have any items that you would like to donate please bring them into school by Friday 19th October. Thank you.

### **Official Garden Opening**

This week has seen a couple of important finishing touches to our lovely garden. The stone carving, traced from children's designs and carved by Mrs Rothwell, has been placed at the garden entrance by the on-site building team. I think it looks great and thank you to Mick and Adam for their help with this.

The viaduct has had its arches added and it looks amazing! Thomas Bouch, the architect of the original Percy Beck Viaduct, would be very pleased and I know that the children love this feature. Some days, the 'beck' needs to be turned off so that we can clear the leaves but we have a plan for next year to help with this.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, many people who have helped with the garden have been invited to school. Although the children will be saying thank you, it will be mainly an event for adults and parents/grandparents are invited to come and look around. I am hoping that we will have some old photographs to look at that you may be interested in.

### **Winter Menus**

New school menus were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Anyone wishing to have school lunches should return these menu choices as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Butterfly World**

Miss Blackburn's children enjoyed a lovely day on Thursday at Butterfly World. Their class mascot Sunny the Meerkat met some of his relatives as the children gained a better understanding of Meerkats in the wild. There was even a Meerkat called Monty! The butterflies were very friendly swooping down and landing near the children. In the afternoon they experienced a journey through history in Preston Hall Museum, looking at lots of different artefacts. The old Victorian street was a real hit with some children even ending up in an old police cell!

### **Photograph Orders**

Please place all photograph orders by 31st October. Thank you.

### **Extension Update**

The first shoots of grass have emerged on the new field and it starting to look amazing. I am sure the children will look forward to getting on there in the spring.

The hand rail has been fitted outside the new classrooms which will aid safety and help with access to that part of the school.

The timber frame around the front of school is being installed over the next few days. This part of the building will link the nursery and the rest of the school together. The nursery building itself is being altered with new lighting and separate rooms being created within it.

The plasterers are continuing to work in the hall and it is really starting to take shape in there.

### Poppy Leaves

Thinking towards Remembrance Day, the whole school has been busy making a collective poppy mural. As part of this, we would like to include personal messages from the children and their families. If children would like to write a message of remembrance about a family member, please collect a paper leaf from the school office. Could this be returned to school by next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October?

### Flu Immunisation

The parents and carers of children in Foundation Stage and Years 1 to 5 should have received either an email or a letter regarding this year's flu vaccination. Please remember that you need to give consent by visiting: [www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalfu-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalfu-consent) . Our school code is 46697. If you do not have internet access please contact the Immunisation team on 0300 0030 013

### Tupperware boxes

There are a number of containers still to be collected from the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. Please collect them before the end of half term. Thank you.

### Data Forms and Secondary School Applications

Please could parents/carers who have not returned data collection forms do so. It is important that we have the latest information. There are a number of children in Year 6 whose place for Secondary School has not yet been applied for. The closing date is **October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**.

### Attendance for w.b. 8.10.18

| Class                     | Present |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Reception                 | 97.9%   |
| Year 1                    | 95.8%   |
| Year 2                    | 86.7%   |
| Year 3                    | 99.6%   |
| Year 4                    | 90.5%   |
| Year 5                    | 98.5%   |
| Year 6                    | 99.4%   |
| School overall attendance | 95.8%   |

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

46 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

### Dates for the diary

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| October 17 <sup>th</sup>                     | Tag Rugby Competition Y4 (selected children) |
| October 18 <sup>th</sup>                     | Multi Skills Festival Y6 (whole class) am    |
| October 18 <sup>th</sup>                     | Official Garden Opening 2pm                  |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup>                     | October half term                            |
| October 28 <sup>th</sup>                     | School 2 <sup>nd</sup> half term begins      |
| October 31 <sup>st</sup>                     | Flu Immunisation for Y1-5                    |
| October 31 <sup>st</sup>                     | School Nurse Drop In 3-4pm                   |
| November 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | Halloween Disco                              |
| November 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | Diwali workshop for Year 6 in school         |
| November 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | Book Fair in school all week                 |
| November 20 <sup>th</sup> + 21 <sup>st</sup> | Parents' Evenings                            |
| November 23 <sup>rd</sup>                    | Miss Richardson's Class Assembly             |