



17th September 2021

Newsletter Autumn 2

Dear Families,

We have had a super week in school with Year 4 starting their swimming lessons, most classes now having completed their first Forest School session (thank you for being so wonderful and sending in old clothes for the children to wear!), and Commando Joe's have started working with some of our Key Stage 2 children around our Character Curriculum.

This morning, the Year 4 pupils built boats that would hold their entire teams (and they had to get inside to prove it!) using the equipment provided from the 'Secret Mission Chest'...a super bit of problem solving and team work to start the day.

Every year group will work with Commando Joe's for half a term over this year. Our designated Commando is Dave (not to be confused with the tortoise!), an ex-Army Soldier, who will support the children to complete a series of missions alongside the staff in school. This is a hugely exciting opportunity, which will further enhance our Character Curriculum, and teach the children how to put some of our school values into action, whilst working as a team and having fun!



Parents evening

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey about preferred methods of communication for parent teacher consultations.

75% of families would prefer a face to face meeting, with the other 25% opting for a SchoolCloud appointment, so we have decided to provide both.

The first parent consultation for your child will take place in the week beginning 18th October.

You will receive a letter from your child's teacher with the date available for a face to face consultation and a choice of times (these will take place in the school hall), and a date and times for a virtual meeting. You are welcome to attend one or the other, but not both, and the appointments will last for 10 minutes. If you require additional time to talk to your child's teacher, then a further appointment can be made for another day.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school and celebrating the children's achievements.

Cleaner, Lunchtime Supervisor and Kitchen Assistant Vacancies

If any parents are interested, or know somebody who may be interested, in applying for a cleaning post (11.5 hours per week + 9 days outside of term time), or a temporary kitchen assistant post (10 hours per week), then please contact Mrs Bryson in the school office to complete an application form.

Great North Run

Congratulations to all of the children and parents who took part in the Junior and Adult Great North Runs at the weekend. What a fantastic achievement to have completed any of the courses! Not only do these events raise money for so many amazing charities, many of which may have lost fundraising

opportunities during the lockdowns, but it is also such a fantastic way of bringing people back together again, after so long being kept apart. We are all very proud of those who took part!

Have a wonderful weekend.
Best wishes,
Nadine Fielding
Head teacher

