

# Weekly Newsletter



## LEADERSHIP UPDATE

I am delighted to be taking on the role of Head of School here and excited by the prospect of taking this fantastic school into the next phase of its development.

As I have said in my previous messages this year, I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the team and have really appreciated the warm welcome I have received from the broader school community.

Since the start of the school year, myself and the Leadership Team have been working on plans to improve this already brilliant school (some of which were shared in a recent newsletter) and we will now be ploughing all our efforts into bringing these plans into fruition to ensure your children have the best possible experiences each day they are with us.

In the meantime, I will be on the playground as much as possible each week so please do feel free to come and say hello.

Joe Maguire, Head of School



## REMEMBRANCE

We would like to commend all our pupils for an impeccably observed 2 minute silence on Monday to mark Remembrance Day. We were hugely impressed with their levels of respect.

We'd also like to give an extra thanks to Mr Ross for ushering this in with a very moving recital of The Last Post.

## PARKING / BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

I'd like to thank all our parents who park respectfully, adhering to the requests from the school both in terms of timings of access to school site and parking in surrounding streets with consideration for our neighbours. There can't be many schools in the country who don't have difficulties with the two daily punch points on site but we really appreciate your continued support with this.

**I would like to remind everyone once again that only drivers with blue badges are permitted on site between the hours of 2-3.30pm each day.** Staff between the two schools will regularly be outside enforcing this but this is not a good use of their time and they should certainly not be subject to the angry reactions that they have had from some parents. We work very hard in school to model kindness and respect at all times for our pupils and appreciate your support with this.

## PTA UPDATE

**Christmas Fair - Friday 29th November 5-7pm**

Two weeks to go! Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate for the tombola today - there are some brilliant prizes on offer!

**Don't forget to purchase your [tickets](#)**

We still need people to help on the day - please contact the pta ([pta.chps@gmail.com](mailto:pta.chps@gmail.com)) or your class rep if you can help.

Can you bake a cake? Cakes, cookies and brownies are all welcome for our cake stall! Remember, these must be nut free.

New this year! We are collecting donations for our teddy tombola - if you have a cuddly toy or an unopened toy looking for a new home, please bring it into school for our teddy tombola. All teddies must be clean and in excellent condition.

**Wreath making - Wednesday 4th December**

Final chance to [book](#) onto the wreath making workshop.

## CHRISTMAS MYSTERY READERS

We are looking for some willing parent/carer (or grandparent!) volunteers to be our Christmas 'Mystery Readers'.

On Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th December, each class will have a mystery reader visit their classroom just before home time, to read them a favourite children's book (or chapter from a novel). If you are interested in being one of our mystery readers, please register your interest through this form by Friday 22nd November: <https://forms.office.com/e/uAp7Am1Zah>

We have previously been lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers for this. If this is the case again this year, we will select names at random and contact those selected at the start of December.

## COOKSTARS SPACES

There are currently a small number of places available in the Tuesday afternoon (3.15-4.45pm) Cookstars club in school. All ingredients are included and they will be making some lovely festive recipes over the next few weeks.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah on 07487817488 or on [sarah@cookstars.co.uk](mailto:sarah@cookstars.co.uk).

## UNICEF Rights Respecting School

### Article 30

If you come from a minority group, because of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practice your own religion and speak your own language.



## PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday 27th November. Topics for discussion will include current school communications and how the school currently provides help and advice for parents in supporting their children academically and pastorally.

More details on how to share any feedback you may have will be shared next week.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 18th Nov - UK Parliament Week
- 18th Nov - Pre-School Open Morning
- 20th Nov - World Children's Day
- 21st Nov - Year 6 & Mop-up flu vaccinations
- 27th Nov - Parent Council (5-6pm)
- 29th Nov - PTA Christmas Fair (5-7pm)
- 4th Dec - PTA Christmas Wreath Making
- 4th Dec - School Christmas Lunch
- 10th Dec (9.15am) & 11th Dec (1.45pm) - EYFS Nativity performances
- 10th Dec (1.45pm) & 11th Dec (9.15am) - KS1 Nativity performances
- 19th Dec - KS2 Carol Services (10am & 6pm)
- 20th Dec - End of term