



Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

We hope you have enjoyed your summer holiday and that your child is enthusiastic to return to school as an Octopus, Turtle and Stingray.

We enjoyed meeting your child during 'Swap Over Day' and have worked hard with the Year One team to ensure a smooth transition. We are very much looking forward to working with your child this year.

This term our topics are '**The seaside!**' and '**Amazing Animals**'. The children will be learning through research, investigation and a creative approach. We have planned many exciting learning opportunities and have included a topic web with this letter explaining the curriculum areas we will be covering; this is also on our school website.

We have organised a 'Seaside Day' at school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September to generate enthusiasm for their learning and the topic. On that day, your child is encouraged to wear clothes they would normally wear to the seaside. We have a traditional Punch and Judy show visiting as well as other seaside linked activities.

We will also be making our own seaside aquariums in the first half term using a shoebox, so if you have not yet thrown away this year's new shoebox, please keep it and send it into school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, thank you.

School starts at 8.50am and learning starts immediately with morning challenges designed to extend and reinforce your child's learning. Your support in ensuring your child is prompt and ready for a day of learning is much appreciated.

This term, for PPA, the children will be taking part in Taekwondo lessons run by Jenny Whiting **on Wednesday**. Like last year, this term we are asking children to wear their PE clothes to school on their PE days to avoid them having to change during the day and it also reduces things being brought into school. PE will start next week so please make sure their PE kit is ready.

**Turtles will also be having PE on Monday. Octopus and Stingrays will also be having PE on Friday.**

In your child's book bag, you will find their Reading Record book. Please take a moment to read the information glued to the inside of these books. The Reading Record book is where book titles and comments regarding your child's reading should be written by you. Children will be selecting their own books but school will not be writing the title in the Reading Record book. We will be looking at the Reading Record books on a weekly basis. This year, please bring bookbags in to school EVERY day.

**Our Year 2 parent meeting will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in the hall** and will focus on reading in Year Two. This is an important opportunity for you to learn more about what and how your child will be learning this term so it would be extremely beneficial for you to attend.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you



Katharine Staples & Sue Barnes  
& Karen Keighley  
Octopus Class



Emily Henty, Jenni Lomas  
& Nicole Crowley  
Turtle Class



Charlotte Cox, Vicky Church  
Stingray Class

## **Year Two Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2023**

### **September**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Back to school!

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year Two Parent Meeting 9.00 – 9.30 in the hall

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Seaside Day – wear clothes suitable for seaside day at school

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friends Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeans for Genes Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Individual photographs

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – ‘Teapots and Tales’ - MacMillan World’s Biggest Coffee Morning

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Grounds Working Party

### **October**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friends Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Flu SNIFF nurses in school

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – INSET – School closed for children

### **23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term**

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Back to School**

### **November**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – KS1 Spooky Disco 5.30 – 6.30

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Rags to Riches Donations

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friends Meeting (virtual) 7.30 – 9.00

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Anti Bullying Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Dare to be different Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Road Safety Week

### **December**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Christmas Play 9.10am

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Christmas at 1.45

### **January**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – INSET

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Back to school

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Year Two Parent Meeting 9.00 in the hall