

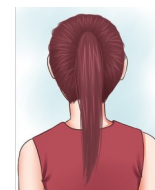
The Blue Letter: 18th October 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! It's nearly half term already. Just four days next week as there is an INSET day on Friday 25th October. The teaching staff are looking forward to meeting with other schools in the locality for professional development that day.

Just a few reminders please. As the weather starts to turn colder and more unpredictable, can you make sure your child has a coat in school with them. We aim to get outside as much as possible unless the rain is torrential; for walk and talk at the start of the day and for play-times and lunch play. You might want to consider getting your child a grey tracksuit as part of their PE kit for the colder months too. Can I ask that if your child has long hair, that they tie it up for school please. They must have it tied back for PE but it is more practical and helps prevent the spread of head lice if it is tied back all the time.



Thank you for all the Aldi vouchers that we have received in school so far. We have collected about half of what we need and the deadline is 5th November when we return after half term. Please keep collecting and ask friends and relatives to collect on our behalf too.



Finally, I've been asked to mention parking at school drop off and collection times. If you are able to use the car park rather than park outside the school, please do. It helps keep the roads safer for our children and other local residents. If you do park on the street, please can you be considerate of those who are getting on and off buses and crossing the road.

Deadline Reminders

Flu vaccine : Friday 25th October

Collective Worship

For the final two weeks of this term we will be focusing on Freedom, we will consider the history of the anti-slavery movement, look at stories from the bible about slaves as well as considering a slave free world. Anti-Slavery day is Friday 18th October

Our bible verse is from Psalm 9:9

'The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.'

We will be encouraging the children to wonder how these verses might encourage anyone who is not free to live as they want to? And also to wonder what they can do to bring change to our world?

We will be singing Make me a Channel of your Peace.

Next Week in School

Monday	Create Club
Tuesday	Fitjoy Club
Wednesday	Parents' evening
Thursday	Parents' evening -squirrel class
Friday	INSET DAY



Odd Socks Day—NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme Change Starts With Us and is happening from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019.

Odd Socks Day normally takes place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, however, this year it will be held on the Tuesday of Anti-Bullying Week, the 12th November, to avoid clashing with Armistice Day.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate individuality. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. It couldn't be simpler.



Bikeability Survey

The Road Safety Team are looking for feedback from parents and guardians regarding the Bikeability service currently provided and how much it is valued.

Whether your children have already undertaken the training or will be doing this in the near future, your views and opinions are vital in helping them secure future funding and improve the service they are able to offer.



The survey can be accessed via the following link.

<https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/highways-and-transport/3c5d2030/>

Once the survey has been completed, those parents leaving their contact details will be entered into a free 'Prize Draw' to win a £25 voucher of their choice (terms and conditions apply).

Able Writers Day

Yesterday we went to Portfield Primary School for an able writers day. We were transported and supervised by the very kind Mrs Clifford-Brown. We met the famous Poet Brian Moses. We were given the chance to write poems and were supported by Brian Moses himself. In total we wrote 3 poems, one called 'I'm not on a train', 'Spirit of the...' and a non rhyming couplets poem. We were both able to buy a book from Brian Moses which he signed as well. WE had a fantastic day and would happily go back. One of our tasks now we are back at school is to teach a poetry lesson to our class. Mrs Martin has to be one of our pupils! - *Lyra and Mathilda*