



Learning Mentor Update



Welcome back after the long summer holidays I hope you are refreshed and ready to learn! Over the course of this term there will be many new and exciting things happening which I will continue to inform you about in our newsletter. I look forward to being able to support our children and their families this term and should you have any concerns, no matter how small, or if you would like information on services and support available outside of school, I would be more than happy to have a chat and see if I can help.

Alyson Jellis (Learning Mentor)

Playground Buddies



Well done to the buddies who did a fantastic job in the playground last term. This term they will train our new Buddies. Our new Buddies have not yet been chosen so if anyone is interested please let your class teacher know!

Parent Support Advisers



I would like to welcome Liz Shaw our Parent Support Advisor. She will be on hand to give practical help and support to our families on a wide range of issues. She will be in school on Monday mornings if you would like to drop in and see her. She will also be organising workshops to support you all on many parenting topics- watch this space!

Monthly Coffee Morning



I am continuing to hold a monthly monday meeting to help improve the lines of communication between parents and the school. The meetings are very informal and are a chance to find out what your children are doing in school or to raise any concerns you may have. It is also an opportunity for you to let us know how we can support you.

As requested by parents, the focus this month will be linked to the terms Personal, Social and Health curriculum including practical, fun activities to do at home.

Next meeting is at **9.00am** on the **19th october**, at the **Southway Children's Centre**.

Monthly Values

As a school community, we believe that the school should be built on a foundation of core values such as tolerance, cooperation, happiness and honesty. Every month, our assemblies and personal, social and health education (PSHE) will focus on a different value. Pupils will reflect on their behaviour in the light of these values and are encouraged to understand that these values are important if we are going to live happily together. Our value this month is cooperation.

FOREST SCHOOL



The Forest school sessions held in the grounds of the school were a great success and fun was had by all. This term we will welcome a group of students from Priory Lower School to join us each week for our Forest school sessions.

We would appreciate donations of any unwanted gardening equipment or outdoor clothing. We are in particular need of secateurs, digging equipment, wellingtons and waterproof clothing.

Class Representatives.

Don't forget, if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, you can always talk to your class representative; they attend the monthly coffee morning and will make sure information is passed on. As we are at the start of a new school year we are changing our parent representatives so if you think this is the job for you please see your child's class teacher!