



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy month at Falcon. We have been teaching children about staying safe both physically, through firework safety assemblies and emotionally as part of National Anti Bullying Week. The children worked in classes, exploring the issues and problems around bullying including online issues. This important work does not stop here. We will be revisiting these themes regularly throughout the year in class PSHE time and assemblies.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the PTA Pumpkin carving competition. We had some stunning entries and the judges found it really difficult to choose the winners. Every child who entered received a credit for their efforts. The winners and runners up were:

Y6 Millie Lake and James Hoye

Y5 Autumn Ridgeway and Jacob Cracknell

Y4 Brooke Ashby and Chloe Schoenherr

Y3 Suzanna Fox and William Fone

The weather has changed and it is now important that your child brings a warm coat to school. We expect children to be outside at break time and lunchtime enjoying the fresh air but want them to be warm and safe.

Our School Council plays an important part in helping run the school by meeting with the Headteacher every month and giving our pupils a voice. Each class elects two councillors for the year who hold class council meetings and then represent their class on the school council. This year's councillors are:

Hummingbirds: Olly Scent & Grace Mallett

Puffins: Jemima Davies & Jasper Westgate

Swallows: Poppy Wright & Ryan Kelly

Owls: Dejon Manyeza & Yvie-Blossom Smith

Firecrests: Adam Jrabi & Evie Knights

Canaries: Olivia Warrent & Mason Perriton

Bitterns: Ruby Hales & Liam Felstead

Robins: Millie Batchelor & Aidan Warrent

Jays: Connor Hook & Mia Joyce

Mallards: Martha Wardell & Harrison Burdett

Eagles: Max Jones & Ellouise Russen

Wagtails: Brooke Fincham & Oliver Warren

Doves: Millie Lake & Lewis White

Kingfishers: Imogen Dicks & Connor Surridge

A special Falcon welcome to Yvie-Blossom Smith, Honey Last, Grace Mallett, Joshua Mallett and Jayden Lee Loader, who joined Falcon this term.

Finally, it is important that you keep us up to date with emergency contact details. If you change any of your contact details please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Clarke

Acting Head

Attendance

Attendance last year remained above 95% which is the benchmark deemed good by the Department for Education. To make communication easier we have reintroduced the leave of absence form which must be completed and handed in to the office for all leave of absence. A decision can then be communicated with you as soon as possible. Forms are available from the office and on the website. Could I also remind you that if you know your child is going to be absent, please phone the 24 hour absence line **01603 441417**.

Building Improvements

Work continues on the upper playground for the new classroom block. Completion date is Easter 2018. Extra cloakroom facilities for Year 4 are now complete. Safety barriers and signs are in place.

PTA

Many thanks to all the parents that attended the PTA coffee afternoon. The various posts within the PTA are now filled which will allow the effective running of the organisation this year. Events this term include:

PTA Disco

Friday 24th November (6-7:30pm). Tickets on sale week beginning 20th November.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December (1.00pm-3.00pm).

A range of stalls and refreshment stands will be on offer. Definitely an opportunity grab a bargain!

Twitter

Almost at 500 followers! Many of the photographs from school activities and trips are available on our Twitter feed @FalconJuniorSch

UCP Zeller

All children had a visit in YG assemblies from the local factory as part of Safety Week. As well as sharing important messages regarding safety in everyday life, they left the children the challenge of designing a poster. Winning entries were given a prize in assembly last week. Well done to all that entered and a big thank you to all the visitors from UCP Zeller for their part and for the generous donation to the school of £500.



Upcoming Dates

November

Friday 24th	Year 5 Trip to West Stow	In school day
Tuesday 28th	PTA non-school uniform day - Tombola prize instead of £1	In school day

December

Saturday 2nd	PTA Christmas Fayre	1pm-3pm
Tuesday 5th	Christmas Lunch - Lower School	12noon
	Year 4, 5 and 6 Swimming Gala @ Thorpe St Andrew School	12.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Lunch - Upper School	12noon
Friday 8th	Year 3 Maths Café	9am-10am
Tuesday 12th	Year 3 performances to parents	1.30pm and 6pm
Wednesday 13th	Year 5 Carols around the tree	6.30pm-7.15pm
Thursday 14th	Year 4 performance to parents	6pm
Friday 15th	Year 4 performance to parents	9.30am
	Year 4 Christmas party	1.30pm
Monday 18th	Year 5 Christmas party	9am
	Year 3 Christmas party	1.30pm
	Year 6 Christmas party	6pm-8pm
Tuesday 19th	Break up for Christmas	3.10pm

January

Thursday 4th	Children back to school	8.40am
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