



## School Newsletter

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Academic year 2019-20 Number 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sorry this first newsletter of the term seems to have got out of the blocks a little slowly this term. I have been involved in some inter-school inspection work with our Catholic Schools Umbrella Trust at the end of last week and into this week, so I haven't been in school as much as usual.

I hope you all had a pleasant Christmas and New Year break. We are now back into the second week of term and it will fly, I'm sure. This week clubs have commenced. Thank you for sending in your booking forms promptly.

### Attendance

Well done to all the children who received their 100% attendance certificates last week for the Autumn Term. Letters have been sent to families whose children's attendance dipped below our notification threshold. For last term, owing to the large number of children who were affected by chicken pox and bugs towards the end of last term, we revised our notification threshold from 95% to 90%, to avoid sending letters to families who had otherwise good attendance. This threshold will revert to 95% this term, in line with government guidance.

### PTA News

There is a PTA meeting tonight at 8pm in the Pannett Classroom. I look forward to seeing you there if you are coming.

### Cross Country – This Saturday – 18<sup>th</sup> January at Woodcote School

I sent out a letter on Parentmail to families of children in Y2 and up inviting runners for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the three cross country races at Woodcote School this coming Saturday. I'd like to field a good team, so if your children are available please bring them along. I gave hard copies of the letter to children in Y2-6 this morning who said they were interested. Please do your best to return the tear off slip by Friday so I know how many I have for the teams. It will all be over by 10am. Thanks.

### Family Burns Night Supper, 17th January

The 9th Purley Scout Group are holding a family Burns Night supper on Friday 17th January at St John the Baptist church hall.

All the family are welcome, there will be a traditional haggis, neeps and tatties supper (vegetarian haggis option available), with the haggis being piped into the Hall. After supper there will be Scottish dancing for everyone to take part in and a licensed bar will be available throughout the evening. The event is from 6.30-9.30pm and tickets cost £10 per adult and £6 per child. Please contact Anna Froome on 07855322548 if you would like tickets.

Please come and support our local Scouts group and help raise funds for all the fantastic activities they do.

Mr Mooney