



October Newsletter

2021



Our topics and themes this month are

Halloween
Autumn
People Who Help Us

BIRTHDAYS

Ellie 1st Jack 19th, Neil & Eva 23rd Jay 28th

Happy birthday to everyone 😊

Staggered 'Drop Off' and 'Pick Up' times

This month a full class of 26 will come together. To do so, and in line with PHA social distancing guidelines, it is necessary to put in place staggered times.

- MORNING DROP OFF – 8:50am – 9:10am
- AFTERNOON PICK UP – 1:10pm – 1:30pm
- FRIDAY PICK UP – 12:30 – 12:40 *this is necessary for weekly deep cleaning*

Sponsored Walk – Friday 1st

We are so happy to be able to do our annual sponsored walk, and even more delighted to do The Gruffalo Trail at Colin Glen Forest Park! It will be great fun.

We are sorry you cannot come along to help us, but we promise to take lots of pictures and videos to share on Seesaw.

Thank you for any money raised. We are currently doing work to the front of the school and with the funds raised aim to plant a Willow Dome and tunnel.

Please could all money be sent into school by Friday 15th October, thank you.

Sonal Sportz – Friday 8th

Coach Paul will be coming every Friday to do PE sessions with the children. Throughout the year, they will learn many new skills while having lots of fun!

Upcoming Visitors – dates to be arranged

We hope to arrange for Mr Hullabaloo to visit for a performance at Halloween. Also, since we are learning about People Who Help Us, we hope to invite some professionals to tell us about their job. We also hope to invite the Fire Service to talk to the children about keeping safe at Halloween. We might even get inside the fire engine!

Halloween Hooley - Thursday 28th

We will be having a Halloween party in school. Children can come to school dressed up in their favourite Halloween costume

We will have a fun morning of games and activities. There is no school dinner today so children will finish school at between 11am – 11:15am





Bonus Ball Lottery

By now everyone has had a chance to choose a number. Each week the name against the winning number will win £30!

Bonus ball money is to be paid to Ms Hanna and can be paid either weekly or many weeks in advance if preferred.

If a number is not paid for and wins, unfortunately the winner is unable to claim their prize.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE



School Fund & Dinner Schools fund for October is £20 (4 weeks).

Dinners cost £2.50 a day. If you are a paid dinner the amount owed will be written on your child's money bag.

Money bags will be in your child's tray on Monday morning and **MUST** be paid in full by Friday 8th.

If your child is a paid dinner and off school during the month, money will be refunded to you at the end of October.

Clothes

Children are going outside to play every day, so please ensure your child has a warm coat with them as the weather is getting colder.

If you haven't sent in a change of clothes yet please do so as soon as possible.

To help promote your child's independence, please make sure they can manage their own clothing before and after the toilet. Also, some children still have lace shoes – please change to Velcro shoes. If girls wear skirts, they **MUST** wear shorts or tights underneath.



COVID-19

We face another unprecedented year with COVID and thank you for your understanding and co-operation so far. We appreciate it is not easy to test a young child, and although it is not compulsory, it is important we work together to keep all children and staff feel safe together. PHA class all nursery school children as CLOSE CONTACTS based on the nature of our setting. Therefore, it is important we are informed when COVID is in a household. Thank you.

Settling In Meetings – 18th – 22nd

Mrs Mallon and Mrs Murphy plan to do face to face meetings to discuss how your child has settled into nursery. These meetings will be short and take place before and after school. Nearer the time, you will have the opportunity to choose a day or time which suits best.

Mid term Break

School will finish on Thursday 28th October, and reopen Monday 8th November.

CHANGE TO HOLIDAY LIST

To facilitate staff training, school will be closed Friday 5th November instead of Monday 25th April 2022.