

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear families,

I was so lucky to be able to take a delightful group of year 3 children to a tag rugby tournament at Rosslyn Park this week. We had a great time, the children were committed to their team and behaved impeccably. I felt very proud of all the children.

Thank you to those who have given me feedback on the new newsletter format. It is a work in progress so any feedback is very welcome. We are redeveloping and updating our website. As part of this process we are buying a newsletter builder which I am hoping will make it clearer and easier to link various places on the website such as the phase group pages, music page and sports' page.

It was lovely to see so many attend our 'Importance of Reading' workshop hosted by Mr Jones on Wednesday evening. I am sure that all there will have been enthused by Mr Jones' enthusiasm and passion for reading - I know I was! The slides are [here](#).

Staying safe at school

Over the last few weeks we have been discussing with the children what we do to keep them safe at school and what they can do if they don't feel safe. This has included talking about how they must not worry about talking to a trusted adult about anything they want to. This week, the focus was on anti-bullying and how to have positive relationships. Every classroom has a listening box which is a place for children who are unsure about speaking to an adult to post their worries. Class teachers will be working with their children on how to use these boxes over the next few weeks.

Support for families

We would like to draw your attention to some useful links of support available for families during this time: [citizens advice](#) [early help](#) [cost of living hub](#) [winter warmth home service](#)

Supply issues of food at lunch

Unfortunately there have been some supply issues with some of the food on our menu at lunchtimes. This has resulted in children occasionally receiving something different for lunch than what was on the menu. As you are aware, supply issues are happening everywhere and we are doing all we can to improve this situation. Thank you for your flexibility during this time.

Assistant Headteacher for the day

Charlotte was a fantastic help to Mrs Axbey on her day as an Assistant Headteacher. She covered lots of jobs for the team- lunch duty, assembly, hearing readers and reading to Year 1. A very busy day- thank you Charlotte!

Parking issues

Please be considerate to our neighbours and ensure you follow parking rules when dropping off your child/ren in the morning. It is illegal to park on double yellow lines and inconsiderate to straddle driveways even for a quick drop off. Residents on Cardigan Road have been unable to enter or exit their driveways. This may mean you need to park slightly further away from school and do a short walk of up to 5 minutes.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please see the linked flow charts for [attendance](#) and [punctuality](#). First and foremost it is vital for children to not miss key learning and socialisation. Also, it is a key area assessed by Ofsted during their inspection. Post-covid, we are now in a position to tighten up our protocols to improve attendance and punctuality.

London Literature Festival

The South Bank is hosting its annual London Literature Festival, with many family-friendly events planned to run over half term. [Voices in action](#) [Poetry to save the world](#) [Malorie Blackman talking about her memoir](#)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Frances