

# PEARL HYDE NEWS

Friday 22nd September 2023

**Perseverance Excellence Acceptance Respect Leadership**

## **Our new student leaders are appointed!**

*A very exciting week in school with our Pearl Hyde Parliament appointments starting to be made*

### **Reception**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent workshop this week, I hope it was useful! Your children are now receiving a phonics recap sheet with the letter they have learnt each day, a 'love for reading' book and a reading record in their book bag. Please write in your child's reading record when you have read with your child or how they are getting on with the recap sheets. You also have a laminated sheet with all the phonic sounds we are learning and a QR code to show you how they are pronounced. We hope you enjoy reading and practicing phonics with your child, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception team if you have any queries.

**Please note, that Reception children will have PE or an outdoor learning session on a Wednesday - this is the only day they should wear PE kit.**

### **Years 1 and 2**

Another busy week for years 1 and 2 with Octopus class (Mr Herdman) winning our attendance award this week. All the children have enjoyed having Tiddles the Tortoise in the KS1 Library area. The children also enjoyed creating book reviews of their favourite stories.

**A small change has needed to be made to the day homework comes out to you. Homework for years 1 and 2 will now be sent on a Thursday each week. Please remember if you have any questions regarding homework, one of the year 1 and 2 team will be happy to help you.**

**Please note, children in year 1 and 2 should come to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday only.**

### **Years 3 and 4**

Years 3 and 4 have been hard at work this week delving further into their Through the Ages topic, can your child tell you about history they have been learning? Years 3 and 4 have also been working very hard on the presentation of their work and particularly handwriting. Some children are getting ready or have already moved onto using pens when writing which is an important milestone. Try to practice your handwriting whenever you can to help with this process.

**Please note, Year 3 and 4 children should wear their PE kit on a Tuesday and bring their swimming bag on Wednesdays, this will be discussed at the parent workshops.**

### **Year 5 and 6**

Year 5 and 6 have loved their trip to Compton Verney this week. They were fascinated by the grandeur and beauty of the architecture as well as the art they studied. I know some children were keen to return to Compton Verney so I wanted to inform parents that the art gallery is free to under 18's, I am sure your child would enjoy being the expert and showing you around!

**Please note, year 5 and 6 will need to wear their PE kit on Thursday only.**

## **Other News**

All children should now have received their TT Rockstars or Numbots log ins, both are fun games aimed to improve math's fluency. Please ensure your child is using these programs, if you have any queries about this please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or Mrs Brown our math's leader.

Children in KS2 also have their Oxford Reading Buddy log ins, don't forget to complete as much as you can at home. All children that use Oxford Reading Buddy will be entered into a prize draw to win a special 'book box' with a new book for home, a hot chocolate and chocolate treat to enjoy with you. If you have any queries about this please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or Mrs Shilton our Reading for Pleasure leader.

## **Pearl Hyde Parliament**

As part of our drive to have plenty opportunities for our children to lead and be able to shape our school we have started to appoint our Pearl Hyde Parliament members. Children went through a rigorous process to be recruited and I felt extremely proud of how all the children represented our school during the tasks and how they will continue to do so in the future. A huge congratulations to:

**Head Girl-** Mikayla

**Head Boy-** Daiwik

**Deputy Head Girl-** Saina

**Deputy Head Boy-** Jassa

**Head of Godiva House-** Gurmukh

**Head of Whittle House-** Georgia

## **Head of Spires House- Nidhi**

There will be lots of other opportunities for children across the school to have leadership roles such as classroom helpers, playground leaders, lunch hall leaders or part of our Eco Team.

## **Future Dates**

### **Harvest Festival**

This year we will be donating food to Foodbanks based in Coventry as part of our Harvest festival celebrations. Children will be able to start bring in donations from 2nd October.

### **Hello Yellow**

This year we will be supporting Young Minds campaign and asking the children to wear yellow on the 10th October. If you would like to bring in a £1 that we will be giving a donation to the charity.



### **Parents Evenings**

Parents Evenings will return to being 'in person' and will be held on 23rd and 24th October. Parents will be able to sign up via our online system closer to the time.

### **Open Day**

This is a day for parents who are looking for a Reception place in September 2024 or who would like their child to join the school in the future. Please spread the word about our fantastic school to family and friends encouraging them to join us on 20th October. Please contact the school office if you wish to attend on this day (20th October)

### **Diwali/ Bonfire Night**

To celebrate Diwali and Bonfire night on the 10th November children can wear party clothes or traditional dress. We are also inviting parents to join us on the playground at 3 p.m. for small fireworks display.

### **Children In Need**

Children in Need is on 17th November. Children can wear spots and make £1 donation to the charity if they would like to.

## **Parking**

We are becoming increasingly concerned about parking outside of school at drop off and collection times. Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags at any point. This is extremely dangerous.