



## The Blue Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back and Happy New Year! The children have settled back into school like they have never been away and started their new learning with enthusiasm. The Blue Bulletin will continue to be fortnightly but our door is always open so if you need to speak to someone at school please do not hesitate to contact us.  
Best Wishes, Mrs Applebee

### Pancake-a-thon for Shrove Tuesday



This year we would really love every child in school to make a pancake and talk about the importance of Shrove Tuesday and Lent. To do this we need your help! If you are available to help on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February for even an hour we would be really grateful. Please click on the link below if you are available to take part. [Shrove Tuesday Volunteering](#)

### Parking



I know school drop off and pick up times are very busy but please be considerate with your parking outside school. We would advise caution with your car lights as going up to the cross roads they can be blinding to oncoming drivers. Also, it is illegal to leave your engine idling unnecessarily, especially outside a school and our local authority does issue fines so please make sure your engine is switched off. We really appreciate your cooperation with this.



# Number Day 2023

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

The money we raise will help the NSPCC run its "Speak out Stay Safe" programme to help children understand what abuse is and what to do if they're scared or worried. We will send out more information about this event nearer the time.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

This month we will be thinking about Happiness Habits. We will also be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from the 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with a range of different activities.

### No Outsiders

We are starting work this term on our "No Outsiders" programme with the children. This half term we are considering gender and the stereotypes around gender. We are always really proud of how inclusive and welcoming our children are and we hope that this programme will allow them to become more informed about a range of characteristics.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly on Chinese New Year

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA Valentines Disco

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

## Smart Watches

We are seeing an increased number of Smart Watches in school post the Christmas Holidays. Whilst we really value children wearing watches and independently telling the time, we also know these watches are very valuable. We have also seen that at times they are distracting to the children. Please consider really carefully if its appropriate that your child wears this to school. Teachers will be in contact if there is any issue specific to your child and their smart watch.

## Homework

We have had a new homework policy in place for two years now and, as our school curriculum develops, we are now looking to review this policy. This is in order to make sure that homework is as valuable as possible. We would love you to take the time to comment on what we have in place and some of the changes we are considering using the following [link](#).

## Christian Distinctiveness

Mike will be working this half term with the Junior Ethos Committee on the development of a Vines Prayer. We already have a school prayer and use this regularly. If the children have any prayers at home that they use we would love to have them in school to so please do send them in.

## Colder Weather

*Please be aware that if we have snow in the new year we will endeavour to open later rather than not at all. Please make sure your children have appropriate clothing for this weather and a change of shoes will allow them to go out in the snow at school.*

*We will always notify you via ParentPay, Twitter, Facebook and teachers will endeavour to post it on Class Dojo.*

**"BY THEIR  
FRUITS  
WE SHALL KNOW THEM"**

## School Trips and Visits

If your child's class has not yet been on a school trip don't panic. There will be more information coming out to you shortly regarding these trips. Our whole school trip to the seaside in the summer is currently being organised too. We will let you have more information as soon as we can.

## SAFEGUARDING – Always our main priority

**Do you have a concern about the well being of a child in school?**

Please speak to a DSLs or a member of staff in school.

**Useful contact details:**

NSPCC -0808 800 5000

Childline -0800 111

Non-emergency number for the police 0116 222 2222

