

## 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that the third term has gone so quickly and we have reached another holiday already! Life at school has been really busy and there is much to be proud of.

### In the News This Week

- Congratulations to our Year 2 classes who gave us two very memorable performances of "Eddie The Penguin, Saves the World". The performances were outstanding and the messages within the play were very important, so as the weather improves, where you can, please try to leave the car at home and ride, walk, or scoot to school.
- Internet safety Day was really informative for our children. They are living in a world of opportunity, but just like us, have the difficulty of safely and appropriately navigating this expanding but boundaryless online world. Internet Matters offer great advice and resources for parents to support with this. We encourage you all to invest some time in reviewing these materials to help support your children. They are broken down by age group and easy to read.

## https://www.internetmatters.org/

- Children have enjoyed a range of activities during Children's Mental Health Week ending with our non-uniform day to show their connections. The theme, Let's Connect, is something you may wish to further explore over the break.
- We were visited by the LSP on Thursday and enjoyed visiting Maths lessons across the school. This highlighted the strength of our practice as we review teaching and learning in order to further improve our school.
- Our governors have visited the school to challenge and support leaders in our delivery of the school Improvement Plan. Visits have included safeguarding, EYFS and SEND. Our LGB met on Wednesday night and reviewed pupil data in reading, writing and maths amongst many other of their core functions.
- I am sure that you will all be aware of the tragic events on the Marina at the weekend. Some simple advice can help reassure your own children about water safety, such as walking/scooting and cycling on the left, not climbing on any of the railings that are dotted about the Marina and staying out of the water when the weather warms up. I have included a link below to the RNLI water safety

advice that could be life-saving. The video may be too scary for some children and I am including the link for your information. Please use it as you see fit.

# https://rnli.org/safety/respect-the-water

### **House Point Totals**

Your children have been working hard to earn house points for learning and behaviour. The yearly totals so far are:

Mars 11,557 Jupiter 11,500 Neptune 11,818 Saturn 12,486

Well done everyone. Each house point really does make a difference. You can check how your child is doing on Class Charts.

We hope you enjoy reading your mid-year school reports and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Term 4's value of the term is "Harmony" and our PHSE theme for the term is "Healthy Me".

Wishing you all a healthy and harmonious half term break with the opportunity to connect as a family and with others. Thank you for all you do for your children and your support for the school.

Kind regards,

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