

Dear Parents and Carers,

The nights are definitely closing in, it's dark when my alarm goes off in the morning, but that hasn't dampened our spirits in school. For those who are already tired and on countdown to half term, I hope many of the announcements in this update will cheer you up; especially with some busy weeks ahead and a big announcement at the end of this update!

### **Nursery**

The nursery is thriving and there's limited spaces left for this school year; we're now taking bookings for September 2023 onwards if you know families with little ones who would love to join the Sunnylands family. We've been very busy this week in Nursery. We've been making lots of mess by getting creative with cornflour, conkers, playdough, dinosaur printing, flicking paint, marshmallow monsters, water play, music mark making and more. The children even made a volcano and thoroughly enjoyed watching it explode and pour lava. A dragon was spotted above the school field with Mrs Constable at the end of its leash.

### **Kettering Small Schools Football**

Our footballers took part in the Kettering schools football tournament this week and did really well. They've qualified for the county finals, again. Well done team!

### **Lower School Harvest Supper**

Monday night is the Lower School Harvest Supper. All Lower School children must be in school from 5.45pm until 7pm. There will be a harvest meal in the Sunnylands Hall for those who have purchased tickets followed by songs and poems. The children will also get a light tea. I look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget, we're collecting harvest donations for Kettering Foodbank. Please bring any remaining food donations into school on Monday to be put on display.

### **Other PTA Information**

#### *Christmas Designs*

Your child will be bringing home their Christmas card designs soon. You can order these in time for Christmas or even have them turned into a notepad or mug. All profits go to the PTA - make sure all orders are placed by half term.

#### *Halloween Disco - Friday 21st October*

#### *Family Quiz Night - Friday 18th November*

We'll be hosting another family quiz at 6.30pm on Friday 18th November. Family tickets are available through ParentMail.

#### *Christmas Fayre - Saturday 3rd December*

Put the date in your diaries as it's going to be an amazing family event.

The PTA will also be selling raffle tickets as part of the big Christmas hamper draw. If you'd like to donate to the raffle, please bring in prize donations to the school gate (from half term).

If you know anyone who runs their own business and would like a stall at the PTA Christmas market, please get in touch with the PTA ASAP.

## **Upcoming Events**

*Share Your Work (Reception to Year 6) - Monday 17th October*

School will be open to Reception to Year 6 parents after school on Monday 17th October and your child will be able to take you to their classrooms and show you their work. Children will be dismissed as usual at the end of school and the end of clubs etc. and children will then be in your care. Share Your Work is optional and the teachers will be in their classrooms until 5pm for you to talk to. This is not a formal parents evening so please don't take up all of the teachers' time; make a separate appointment if you have specific things to discuss. If your child attends Upper School Dance then you should collect at 3:30pm instead of going to Hockey. If your child is in Lower School Dance Club you should wait until after the Club. If you can't make Share Your Work, please contact your child's Class Teacher and they will share some photos of their work on their Google Classroom.

*Parent Teacher Consultations - (Reception to Year 6) Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd November*

A usual ParentMail form will be sent out for you to indicate a day and time that works well for you and teachers will then schedule a meeting in the format you prefer.

*Year Group Assemblies - Year 2, Monday 14th November, Year 6, Monday 28th November, Year 5, Monday 29th November*

Parents of each class are invited to join the school for their own year group assemblies. Assemblies start at 10:30am and refreshments are available before.

*Annual Conker Championships - Friday 21st October*

Get those sixers shined and make sure your child's conkers are laced at the ready for the last day of term!

Have a lovely weekend. This week is World Mental Health Week; make sure you take good care of yourselves. It was also World Teacher Day on Wednesday - have a great weekend teachers, everywhere!

## **BIG ANNOUNCEMENT - Community Choir 2022**

You're all invited to take part in our Community Choir for Christmas. Rehearsals will be every Friday morning of Michaelmas 2, 8:10am to 8:40am. No previous singing experience required and don't worry if you can't make it every week. Mrs Palmer is going to get us ready to perform in church at Christmas. There will also be coffee and biscuits each week. See you there! Our own school choir will be performing at a variety of events through the Winter - more information coming soon.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher