October NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to congratulate all of our pupils on such a successful start to the academic year. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the families who have joined our school community.

Moving into a new class, or school, can be a significant change, and for many children establishing new routines, building relationships and becoming familiar with new expectations can take time. I am incredibly proud of how quickly and confidently our children have embraced these changes and settled into their new classes. It has been wonderful to visit classes and see the children happy and settled.

I hope you have enjoyed seeing photos and videos of what your children have been learning on the Earwig app. If you have any problems logging in, please get in touch and we can send out login details or provide further support.

Thank you for being such an important part of our learning community and I hope you enjoy our first newsletter of the year.

Reading Event

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent reading event.

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into school and explore ways to make reading at home enjoyable and rewarding for children.

We are delighted to share that, through the sponsored read and book sales, we have raised enough money to buy lots of exciting new books for our library.

Thank you for helping us foster a love of reading across our school community.



Dates for your diary...

• Christmas Fayre - Please come along	• Wed Dec 2nd pm
• Key Stage 1 Christmas Event - Parents welcome	• Wed 9th Dec pm
• Key Stage 2 Christmas Event - Parents welcome	• Fri 11th Dec pm
• Christmas Jumper Day	• Thurs 10th Dec
• Christmas Dinner	• Wed 16th Dec

Farewell to Jo Ellis

We would like to let families know that sadly our Early Help Lead, Jo Ellis, will be leaving Ellen Tinkham School after half term. We are very sorry to see Jo go and would like to thank her for the incredible support, care and dedication she has shown to our children and families during her time with us. Jo has made a real difference to many families and will be greatly missed by both staff and parents.

We are currently recruiting for a new Early Help Lead and will keep you updated on our progress. In the meantime, if you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We would also like to reassure families that all TAF and CIN meetings will continue as planned.

We know you will join us in thanking Jo for everything she has done for our school community and wishing her every happiness and success for the future.



KS2 Kindness Celebration



This week, we were delighted to hold our first school community event of the year with a wonderful Kindness Celebration in the hall. The children had a fantastic time coming together to share food, play games and enjoy dancing with their friends. It was lovely to see so much laughter, friendship and kindness on display, and the event provided a great opportunity to celebrate the strong sense of community that makes Ellen Tinkham such a special place. We look forward to many more community events throughout the year.

Parents Evening



Strong partnerships between home and school are at the heart of everything we do, and I would like to thank all the parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evenings this term. This was one of the most well-attended Parents' Evenings we have ever held. We greatly appreciate your engagement with the school and your commitment to your child's education. We value the opportunity to work collaboratively with families, as we know that sharing information, celebrating successes and working towards common goals helps to ensure that every child can make the best possible progress.

We are committed to making Parents' Evenings as accessible as possible and offer a range of meeting options, including face-to-face, online and telephone appointments. We are always looking for ways to improve, so if you have any suggestions about how we can make these events even better for families, please do get in touch.

If you have not already received them, you will shortly receive a copy of your child's updated Home School Agreement targets, which will help guide our joint work to support their development over the coming term.

Yr 1 Speech and Language Training

This year, we are pleased to be working closely with the NHS Speech and Language Therapy team to offer a series of parent training sessions focused on supporting children's communication development.

We recently held our first session for Year 1 parents, which provided practical advice and strategies to use at home. We will be advertising our next session soon and hope to see many more families there, as the feedback from these sessions is always very positive. Developing communication skills is one of our key school priorities this year, and these workshops are a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable support and guidance for your child.



Wishing you a happy half term holiday. .

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