# NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2023



We have all made it to the end of a busy first half term and autumn is now fully upon us. Hopefully, once the storms subside there will be some brighter weather and some space for everyone to enjoy spending a bit of time with friends and family.

# **Diversity Awards**

On Friday evening, some staff from Warren attended the Diversity award ceremony. Warren was nominated for four awards and we are pleased to announce that Mrs Smith won the award for Teaching Excellence. We are sure you would like to join with us in congratulating Mrs Smith on such a great achievement.

# **Harvest Foodbank Collection**

It has been great to see the donations for Thurrock Foodbank on the Harvest Table growing and growing. Thank you to everyone who has provided something for the collection. Pete from the foodbank spoke to the children in assembly and it was humbling to learn a little bit more about what happens with all the donations and how the foodbank works so hard to support those in need. The donations are being packed up ready to be collected by the foodbank and we will bring you photos and news on how much was collected at a later point. Thank you again to everyone for taking part to support this local cause.

# **School Library**

It has been great to see parents and carers returning to the school library before school on a Wednesday and Thursday. We recognise that it is not always easy to get to the local libraries so please do come along and make use of the selection of books we have. Pre-school siblings are also welcome to borrow a book and we have lots of books available for younger readers. All parents and carers, with their children, are welcome now on either day. As always, many thanks to Mrs Squirrell and her library helpers for their efforts.

# **Community Litter pick**

Congratulations and thanks to the Casian family who organised a community litter pick last weekend, giving up their time and efforts to make our corner of Chafford Hundred a better place. Thank you to all of those involved.

### Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

Another reminder for parents/carers with children in Year 6. The closing date for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Applications for Thurrock schools must be made via their website <u>https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/applying-for-secondary-school-place</u>

### Lost Property

We have a large amount of unnamed lost property including coats and water bottles. Lost property will be in the outside chest to the right of the main doors but will be cleared out after the first week so please do come and check if you think any of it belongs to your child(ren). A reminder again please to name items coming in to school in order that we can help reunite them with their owners.

### Coats

As the weather turns colder, damper and sometimes just unpredictable, please remember to send your child in with a named coat each day in order that they can still wrap up and enjoy time outside with their friends.

### PTFA

Please note that the PTFA AGM will be an online meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm. Link to follow. Everyone is welcome and the PTFA would gladly welcome any new attendees. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have signed up to be Year group representatives and to all of the PTFA volunteers.

### Parent and carer consultation appointments

A reminder that these will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November between 3:30pm and 6pm. You will receive details of how to book these after the half term break.

### **Reception intake 2024**

A reminder that tours for prospective Reception Parents will be held on the following dates:

MONDAY 6/11 5pm

THURSDAY 23/11 5pm

THURSDAY 30/11 9.30am

TUESDAY 5/12 1.45pm

A big thank you to all the parents, carers, staff and volunteers this half term for your continuing support and hard work. Return to school Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Wishing everyone a safe and happy half term!