



Newsletter



Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have been the most challenging so far for our school in terms of availability of staff for teaching and the fact we have not had to close a class is only due to all of our teachers and teaching assistants working as a team to ensure all classes are covered. The children affected by staffing changes have been brilliant and have continued to work hard and keep doing their best.

Our New Tree!



Today, Dr Liam Fox MP joined our Eco Club to plant a Sakura Cherry tree outside the main entrance. The trees have been donated by a charity who have been part of the Japan-Britain year of culture.

<https://japanuksakura.org/mission/project-team/>

The initiative was started with a meeting of Teresa May and the Japanese Prime Minister some years ago where they agreed to share and promote each other's culture.

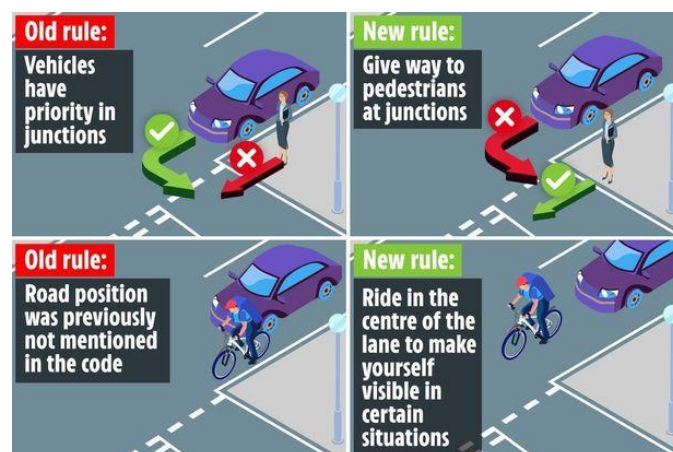
Sakura trees are an important part of Japanese culture and tradition.

Thank you to Dr Fox for arranging for us to be involved in the scheme and for coming to plant the tree.

Car Park Safety

A number of parents have asked me to remind everyone about driving safely in the car park.

We have spotted parents actually speeding up when they enter the school!



One of the recent changes to the Highway Code is the change of priority for pedestrians. This affects the entrance to the school. If a pedestrian is walking from one pavement to the other across the entrance to school, they have priority and you have to allow them to finish crossing.

Milk Bottle Tops

Miss Woodford still needs lots of milk bottle tops for her competition entry.

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/message-in-a-bottle-top-year-2/>



She is planning to create a mural with children from school and needs you to collect your milk carton tops. Please rinse (so they don't smell!) and bring into school. There will be a collection point in the ICT suite in school.

Praise Assembly

Thank you to all of the parents who have joined us for Praise Assembly today. Having parents back in school is a joy as it completes our school family.

Nits!

Nits have made a return to school. An email was sent out earlier. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if you find any visitors! Your local pharmacist will be able to advise on effective treatments.

Socks (When wearing shorts or trousers)

Please can you make sure your child wears the correct socks if they are wearing shorts.

They should be charcoal grey and ankle or knee length. Trainer socks are not part of our uniform code.

Summer Dresses

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can wear summer uniform after Easter.

Dresses should be gold (yellow) and white striped – not check please.

KS2 children are no longer asked to wear summer uniform as they can wear skirts or shorts with short sleeved shirts to stay cool.

Ties – Elastic

If your child wears a tie with elastic, it should be tight enough to look like a proper tie. If the elastic is loose, please replace the elastic or the tie!

As the children do not need to change for PE in school, you can choose to buy a 'proper' tie – especially if your child is in Year 2 or above.

Meat Hamper of the Week

Thank you to the Butcher's Block for their donation to the PTFA fundraising this week.

If you have any suggestions for other themed prizes, please let the PTFA know as they are very happy to mix things up. Watch out on their page for next week's draw.

You can buy numbers in assembly on Friday morning or you can send a £1 coin in with your child if you are dropping off.

Save the Date – Sunday 8th of May

Car Boot Sale at St Joseph's Primary School

Gates open to sellers at 8:30am

Gate open to buyers 10:00am

Stalls cost £10

Entry fee £1.00 per adult, children are free

To book a stall please contact: Frances Gale
07921808828 or frances.gale@rocketmail.com

PTFA Uniform Sale

There is an as-new uniform sale after school on Monday 28th March.

This is a really good way to find good quality used uniform for your child.

And Finally...



Have a great weekend – it looks like a sunny one!

Kind Regards,

Mr Bath
Headteacher