

16th October 2020

Wednesday 4th and
Thursday 5th November
Reception Parent
Consultation Evenings

Thursday 5th November
Firework Extravaganza
Special Bonfire Lunch

Class Reference Information:

Reception = Robin and
Wren (EYFS/Foundation
Stage)
KS1 = Swift, Nightingale
and Woodpecker (Year 1
and 2)
Lower KS2 = Buzzard,
Osprey Falcon, and
Skylark (Year 3 and 4)
Upper KS2 = Kestrel, Red
Kite, Owl and Eagle (Year
5 and 6)

Virtual Assembly Focus: Kindness

Exciting Events: At this challenging time, when so many events and celebrations need to be cancelled, we have decided to create some mini class / whole school events. The first is going to be a Firework Extravaganza! On Thursday 5th, instead of our normal PTA Firework night, we are going to hold a glitter, sparkle and illumination non-uniform day, a special bonfire lunch and class based activities which will feed into a whole school mini film, to continue to ensure we feel a whole school community, even when we are only able to be in our much smaller bubbles. We will then be looking at organising future events to support our school community and to spread a little bit of joy throughout these times.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey: Thank you for all those of you who have already filled out our mental health and wellbeing survey – your feedback is invaluable to us. I know initially there was some technical problems with the link, these have now been resolved so please try again if you couldn't initially undertake the survey.

The Return of Pick and Mix: Due to popular demand, we are going to be reintroducing our home learning pick and mix grid for Years 1-5 after half-term (Reception and Year 6 will be setting slightly different home learning). To ensure we limit items coming into school, please send photos / PowerPoint / Posters etc via the Year group emails and these will be celebrated weekly (individual classes will communicate what day this will take place). We hope this supports your children's learning and their enthusiasm to deepen / explore other areas in their subject learning.

Emails: Thank you for your continued use of the Year Group emails, in these challenging times, when face to face contact is more difficult, I am very pleased we have a communication tool to ensure messages can be shared. Please be aware the staff however will only be responding between 8am and 6pm, and within 48 hours (sometimes it is hard to answer before this, as the question / query may need some investigating).

Also, Mrs Blyth only works on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, therefore these are the only days she will be replying to emails. However, if you would like support on a non-working day, Mrs Dellar, our SEND assistant is available 5 days a week and can be contacted by emailing: edellar@gamlingayvp.org

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Forest Visit: It was wonderful to see the rows of wellies inside and outside the corridors this afternoon, following a successful trip to Gamlingay Woods with Year 5/6. They spent a very enjoyable morning identifying flora and fungi, as well as enjoying the great outdoors and some good exercise, as it's quite a walk! I am pleased we are able to offer some enrichment activities, even during these times, with additional risk assessments and measures put in place to minimise risk. Well done everyone.