

NEWSLETTER 3 – 20th September 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Sporting News - We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the *School Games Gold Mark Award* for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport and we appreciate the support of Miss Drissell along with our staff and volunteers who help to make our participation in such a variety of activities possible.

Parent Questionnaire - A big thank you to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire at the end of the summer term. We triangulate your responses with those of the children, staff and governors to identify our strengths and areas for improvement. This year there were 88 questionnaires completed in which 94% of parents said that their child enjoyed school, 94% thought their child was making good progress, 100% felt their child was safe, 96% thought that teaching was good and 91% thought that the school met their child's needs. Following this feedback, we are looking closely at how we continue to develop parent communication and how we ensure that children know and understand their targets. We have also made some changes to the dinner time experience to ensure that all children feel supported.

School Safety – Please walk through the *pedestrian gate* when walking to school not through the vehicle exit. Please remember the drop off area is for dropping off only – **do not use it for parking.**

Reminders

- **Coats** – Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a named coat as the weather is turning colder.
- **Notes/Payments** – Children should hand in notes (appointments, going home arrangements etc) directly to their **class teacher** (not the office) in the mornings.

Team GB Vouchers – We are collecting the Team GB vouchers from Aldi, please send them into school with your child.

Dates for your Diary –

- *EYFS Reading Meeting for Parents of children in Reception* is on Weds 25th Sept 2.45pm in the hall.
- *Harvest Festival* is on Thurs 3rd Oct (Parents welcome) Rec & KS1 9.15-9.45am, KS2 10.00-10.30am.
- *Individual school photographs* will be taken (where consent has been given) on Fri 11th Oct.
- *School Open Mornings* for prospective parents will be on Tues 15th and Weds 16th Oct 10 and 11.30am.
- *Parent & Teacher meetings* will be held on Tues 22nd Oct (6 - 8.30pm) and Thurs 24th Oct (4 - 6.30pm).
- *Teacher Training Day* (school closed to children) on Fri 25th Oct.

Book of the Week – Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are reading 'Tales from Africa' by Kathleen Arnott. Drawn from all parts of Africa, these stories tell tales of an evil-hearted shark, an extremely cunning hare, a very greedy spider and the strongest man in the world. They also explain why the crab has no head and why the sun and moon live in the sky.

Mr A Simms

Reminder!

**Our Annual General Meeting will be on
Tuesday 15th October at 7pm in school**

During this meeting we will review the last year, pencil in key planning dates and fundraising priorities for the year ahead.

Voting for core positions within the committee will take place. If you are interested in any position or helping within the BSA please let us know!

All are welcome and we would love to see some new faces bringing fresh ideas to the team!

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***The core BSA Committee:
Glenda, Milly, Katie and Sue***

Glenda Vassie - Vice-Chair
Milly Deguara – Secretary
Sue Woodward – Treasurer
Katie Ballard - Communications