



It is hard to believe that we have already reached the penultimate week of a very busy and exciting term. There has been lots of excellent learning to celebrate and many enrichment opportunities enjoyed – not least our annual visit to Mill on the Brue for our year 6 adventurers! I am proud to say that the team at Mill on the Brue praised the children for their behaviour and exceptional politeness. They said that it is rare that they have such a fantastic group of children, with such great manners, so we were all really delighted to hear this! In next week's end of term newsletter, you will hear lots more about this, and the learning that has been going on in your child's year group.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who gave their feedback about whether on site or online parents' evenings were preferable. We received 166 responses with 57% expressing a preference for face-to-face meetings and 43% preferring online. In response to this, we will be offering a hybrid model for our next meetings in November with an on site option on Wednesday 23rd and online on Thursday 24th. Please also remember that there are termly opportunities to see your child's progress in learning through our share sessions and you can find a reminder of this year's share session dates at the end of this update.

'We Are Historians' History Timeline Launch Day – Friday 4th November

You may have noticed the incredible outdoor timeline, bought with funds raised by the PSA, that is in the process of being fixed securely to the green fencing in our playground. We are very excited to announce that, after some final work to secure this over half term, we will be able to open this up and use as a key learning tool in our teaching of history. We will be having a grand opening of the timeline on **Friday 4th November** and, to mark this special occasion, **we are inviting all children (and staff!) to come into school dressed in a history related costume.** This could be one of the costumes worn for a previous wow day (e.g., Egyptians, Victorians, Vikings, evacuees) or children could come dressed as their favourite historical character or they may simply want to wear a name badge and come as a historian! This is optional and children may still come in normal school uniform if they prefer – we are all historians!

If your child is in year 1 and wants to dress up, please ensure that they wear their trainers and have shorts/t-shirt for PE under their costume as this will take place as usual.

Harvest

Thank you to our year 4 children for organising our annual Harvest service and for organising the collection in support of our local foodbank. Thank you to all families who gave so generously to support others within our local community.

Travel to School and Parking

Thank you to parents/carers who have signed up to be part of a working group to seek to find some solutions to the challenges we face around travel to and from school. We will be holding an initial meeting on Tuesday 9th November 7-8pm in the staff room. I will contact all those who have already expressed an interest in joining for this, but anybody is welcome to come along.

PSA Events & Fundraisers

Beat The Teacher Quiz Night! Pier Hall 7pm Thursday 20th October

Our quiz night is taking place on Thursday, and we still have tables left for quizzers. Please do join us if you can and support this social fundraising event. Doors open at 7pm and there will be a bar, refreshments, prizes and lots of fun to be had! Please see the flyer attached to this Parentmail where you can click on the link to buy your tickets.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas cards to support school funds. We have had a fantastic response and thanks to your generous support, this has raised an amazing **£926.00** profit for PSA funds!

Tea Towels

As you are aware, we had a big relaunch of our house system last month and all the children in years 1 to 6 have been allocated to a house: **Coehlo, Donaldson, Rauf or Jeffers**. As part of the first family day, all the children drew a self-portrait, and these have been collated to create beautiful tea towel designs – just perfect for Christmas gifts! Our reception children have also drawn their self-portraits and a class of reception 2022/23 tea towel will also be available. If you would like to order a tea towel, you can do this by opening the flyer that is attached to this Parentmail and clicking on the purchase link. All purchases will support our PSA fundraising efforts.





Christmas Fair.... is Coming!

Saturday 3rd December 11am – 2pm – save the date!

Please [click here](#) if you are able to help with organisation – either pre-fair – during fair – or post-fair!

Share Sessions – Dates for the Year Ahead

Term 2 – Friday share session

Date	4.11.22	11.11.22	18.11.22	25.11.22	2.12.22	9.12.22
Year group	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 2	Year 1	Year 3

Term 3 – Thursday share session

Date	5.1.23	12.1.23	19.1.23	26.1.23	2.2.23	9.2.23
Year group	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1

Term 4 – Wednesday share session

Date	23.2.23	1.3.23	15.3.23	22.3.23	29.3.23
Year Group	Reception Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3 Year 2	Year 1

Term 5 – Tuesday share session

Date	18.4.23	25.4.23	2.5.23	9.5.23	16.5.23	23.5.23
Year Group	Year 6	Year 5 Reception	Year 4	Year 1	Year 3	Year 2

Term 6 – Monday share session

Date	12.6.23	19.6.23	26.6.23	3.7.23	10.7.23
Year Group	Year 6 Year 4	Year 5	Year 3 Reception	Year 2	Year 1

Please also remember that Monday 31st October is an INSET day.
Term 2 begins on Tuesday 1st November.