

# PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been a very good week with all our children and young people back at Papillon.

### Community Visits

At the end of last term, we were able to resume some of our Community Visits which involved short trips to Headley which all the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed. It was such a delight to be able to leave the school grounds albeit for a short time. This week some classes have had trips to Box Hill which everyone enjoyed, including our driver Tony, who is delighted to be back behind the wheel.

This term in addition to our Community Visits being further afield we have returned to cycling which was thoroughly enjoyed by children from Meadow and Peacock Classes.

Horse riding has also begun at Epsom RDA and, whilst actual riding has not started our children are able to participate in Pony Care. Two of our children from Monarch Class have already had the opportunity to experience this and, I am told, they did an excellent job.

### Class Topics

The topics for this term are:

Caterpillar	Bears and Teddies
Meadow	Farms
Peacock	Transport
Swallowtail	Healthy Eating
Monarch	Transport
Admiral	Planet Earth
Emperor	"Your Place in the Community"

### Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar	Kuba	<i>"An excellent first week at Papillon"</i>
Meadow	Joseph	<i>"Very good cycling"</i>
Peacock	Ben	<i>"Remaining focussed and showing very good interaction with adults"</i>
Swallowtail	Alfie	<i>"A very good week and good work in literacy"</i>
Monarch	Gabriel	<i>"Developing his independence skills"</i>

### Caterpillar Therapy Group

"A huge well done to Caterpillar class for doing so well in their weekly Occupational Therapy gross motor sessions. All the boys have made wonderful gains in their engagement and participation, attempting all the activities each week. The boys are growing in confidence and completing obstacle courses which challenge their core strength, co-ordination and balance. A particular well done to Kuba this week who did very well on his first day here at Papillon." *Claire Messom, Lead Occupational Therapist.*

## **Emperor Class “Enterprise”**

I am pleased to let you know that our chickens, who have been spending time at home with Emperor’s Teacher, Anne, during the last few months have returned to Papillon. It was lovely to see one of our ex-pupils returning to Papillon to help the chickens settle back in. When he was at Papillon, he had responsibility for looking after the chickens,

As part of their “Enterprise” work our young people have been working hard in our Horticultural Area and we are looking forward to enjoying some tasty vegetables and some beautiful plants and flowers.

Our young people have started up their car washing scheme again. The money they raise goes towards their “End of Year” celebrations when, sadly, we have to say goodbye to one or two of them as they step into their next adventures.

## **“Boogie Beat”**

Our “Boogie Beat” sessions started again today. Children from Caterpillar, Meadow and Peacock Classes thorough enjoyed their interactive sessions of music, story and dance with Julie and “Giggles” the monkey.

## **Comic Relief**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, all our pupils took part in a sponsored walk around the grounds in aid of Comic Relief. Due to your generosity, I am pleased to be able to tell you that we raised a total of £332 all of which will be spent by Comic Relief on one of their many, many projects supporting children and families throughout the UK and overseas. Thank you, again.

Today our children and young people will receive their certificates.

## **Sponsored Walk**

One of our pupils, Freddie, is training with his dad for his own 12k walk to raise money for “Save the Manatees.” We wish Freddie lots of luck with the training and I will update you once he and dad have completed the walk.

## **Chickenpox**

You will have received an email via ParentMail to let you know that one of our pupils has chickenpox. At the time of writing, we have not had any further reported cases amongst the school community.

## **Gastroenteritis**

We have had one or two cases of gastroenteritis amongst staff and pupils this week. Please may I give you a gently reminder that if your child has an upset stomach then they need to remain at home for 48 hours. Thank you.

## **Update on COVID-19**

We currently have no children or staff with COVID-19 or self-isolating. This is extremely good news and we are very hopeful that this will continue.

Although the current “Lockdown” is due to be lifted on 21<sup>st</sup> June the Management Team have taken the decision not to introduce a full return to our Summer activities. We shall, of course, wherever possible, maintain these activities for our pupils however, sadly we shall not be able to invite parents/guardians into school. This means that:

- Sports Day will take place and staff will video individual pupils and these will be sent to you at the end of term.

- Parents' Evening will be via Zoom as with previous meetings this year. You will receive your child's report on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July however, prior to that you will be offered a Zoom Meeting for Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July between 3.30pm and 7pm.
- The Family BBQ will not take place this term however, if we remain out of "Lockdown" then we intend to hold the BBQ or something similar in the first half of the Autumn Term.

### School Uniform

As I am sure you are aware that, in the light of COVID-19, we have not insisted on full school uniform for our pupils. In September, this will change and we will be asking all pupils to wear the full uniform. It is very important that our pupils have a school coat to wear when they are out on Community Visits and trips. Suzy, School Secretary, will be dealing with the orders and to ensure we get them in plenty of time, please would you complete the attached order form and return it to Suzy, no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place this term. I will send you further information nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	All day	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> May		Half term
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> June		Start of Summer term 2
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Reports
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July		End of Term

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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