



Newsletter 9th October 2020

Parents' Evenings

We do hope you have managed to book your appointment online. Please do contact the Office if you have any problems.

School Portraits

Remember these are happening in school on Thursday 15th October.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and support against social stigma. The children have had the opportunity to reflect on the importance of this in either virtual Gatherings or meeting collectively in their year groups. This comes at a time when our daily lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and is therefore even more important to focus on. The past months have brought many challenges: for health-care workers, providing care in difficult circumstances, going to work fearful of bringing COVID-19 home with them; for children, adapting to taking classes from home, with little contact with teachers and friends, and anxious about their futures; for workers whose livelihoods are threatened; for the vast number of people caught in poverty or in fragile humanitarian settings with extremely limited protection from COVID-19; and for people with mental health conditions, many experiencing even greater social isolation than before.

Achievement Awards

We are very excited to be celebrating for the second week those children who have been selected to receive either a reward for *Reading*, *Maths*, or *Outstanding Effort*. Congratulations!

New Reading books

What a large delivery arrived at school this week! An order from Oxford University Press filled with exciting and engaging reading books for children in all year groups; Over the next week, your child will be bringing home a stage appropriate book banded book. During the next few months, book bands may fluctuate whilst staff familiarise themselves with the new resources. We have invested a large amount of money in these books and would ask that you ensure they are well looked after and returned on the days requested by your child's year group.