



## Newsletter Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Families,

We have had a great start to the new school year and I can't believe we have reached the end of Term 1 already. It's been a long term and we have experienced some challenges with staff illness but it seems to have flown by. It's been lovely to see you all in school for both our first Parents Evening last week and our Family Learning Week this week. We hope you have had lots of fun!

### The Kettle

Our school is growing and we are pleased we can support more families in our local area with children and young people with special needs. The Kettle has always been a cosy place for families to connect over coffee, and we both value this and want to keep this going.

With our growing school, there is the need to review how we use the Kettle to be able to support families in new ways for example, hosting medical clinics, family interventions, and professional meetings.

From next term The Kettle will be open for parent coffee meetings on Monday and Friday mornings from drop off until 11am. We will also be hosting special coffee mornings on some Wednesdays, with the Family Support Team available for a chat and to offer support.

We will also be arranging parent workshops and training across the year too, dates to be shared. Our aim is to make the most of the room to offer support to our families in multiple ways.

**Please see dates for Term 2.**

### Term 2 Dates

We would like to give you advanced notice of some dates for the start of next term.

We will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November and as part of this will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

We will be celebrating Children in Need Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a Mufti Day.

More dates to follow next term.

### Careers Week

Last week we held our first Careers Week. A note from Ania our Careers Lead.

*Please see the highlights of our Careers week, the theme was 'Health and Beauty.'*

*This year we invited Air Ambulance and The Red Cross to deliver First Aid training for Teens, a Beauty Technician, a Hairdresser and nurses.*

*The students had unique opportunities to learn about medical helicopter journeys, find out about CPR, and use a range of medical equipment such as blood pressure monitors, stats readers and stethoscopes. Our KS3, 4/5 students took part in an eyebrow tidying session performed by Lyndsay on her colleague and tried a few different wigs brought by a hairdresser.*

*Our guests spoke about their career journeys and answered students' questions regarding their professions. All the sessions were very practical and engaging and gave our students the opportunity to find out about a range of careers in this sector.*

Family Learning Week

A note from Jason - Music Lead.

*Thank you to all that came along to the Harvest Sing Along, it was great to see so many families come and join in giving our students the most amazing experience. We had fun, playing, singing and shaping some moves in the middle. Well done to you all for being amazing and supporting the session.*

A note from Suzy - AHT.

*We had a lovely time in the play session with a really good turnout from parents. We had beautiful paintings, some great constructions made from boxes (including some hurdles and a cave) and quite a lot of mess!  
Thank-you everyone for joining in with the activities with such enthusiasm.*

A note from Debbie and Chris - FSWs

*We had a very well attended craft session. The families worked together to create leaf characters, and natural clothing designs as well as apple printing and paper chain skeletons. It was lovely to see all the imagination and creation flowing while families worked together and made new connections.*

A note from Debbie - Department Lead

*Primary sensory story was lovely! The pupils and parents enjoyed exploring a story about a hairy, scary house, filled with Halloween items. A firm favourite was the owl feathers, but no one really enjoyed the smell of pumpkins. The pupils responded very well to pretending to be ghosts and hiding under a blanket; there was lots of laughter when the blanket popped off and the adults yelled 'boooooo!' The rats were not very popular, but the flying bat was tracked very well. We all had a super time and everyone left with a smile on their face!*

A note from Michael - Department Lead

*The secondary sport session was absolutely amazing. It was lovely to have so many parents join us to participate in archery and new age kurling. Parents and pupils were also able to try out the schools new ActivAll boards. We finished with a game of benchball which was such good fun. The pupils had the bragging rights of beating the parents.*

A note from Jess - Department Lead

*Secondary pupils enjoyed waking up the harvest spirit and although she was determined to ruin the harvest for the world, they managed to make their offering to her and they saved the harvest through music and now they have some harvest magic in their hearts!*

*Thank you all and it was great fun!*

A note from Nikki - AHT

*What a fantastic way to start the week.....toasting marshmallows on the fire! We all had a great time eating s'mores and exploring the forest school site. It was lovely to see families working together to create magic wands and owl faces with natural materials.*

Spirit of Corby Awards

The Spirit of Corby Awards are a celebration of the people of who go above and beyond to inspire and help their community and town.

We are very excited that one of our amazing teachers has been nominated for an award. Please vote for Geraldine our Butterflies Class Teacher as it would be great to see her win this award. Link below to place your vote!

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Have a lovely half term everyone.

Best wishes

Karen

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# The Kettle Room



**Opening times – From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Monday 08:50 – 11:00**

**Friday 08:50 – 11:00**

**Wednesday openings will be for parent workshops/training only.**

**Dates for workshops will be shared termly (subject to change).**

<b>Term 2</b>		
Monday	4/11/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Tuesday	5/11/2024	
Wednesday	6/11/2024	Coffee Morning
Thursday	7/11/2024	
Friday	8/11/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Monday	11/11/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Tuesday	12/11/2024	
Wednesday	13/11/2024	<b>(MHST) Parent drop in session 9am to 10am</b>
Thursday	14/11/2024	
Friday	15/11/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Monday	18/11/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Tuesday	19/11/2024	
Wednesday	20/11/2024	Coffee Morning
Thursday	21/11/2024	
Friday	22/11/2024	<b>Family Biscuit and story in class session</b>
Monday	25/11/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Tuesday	26/11/2024	
Wednesday	27/11/2024	<b>Powerful Voice Workshop</b>
Thursday	28/11/2024	
Friday	29/11/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Monday	2/12/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Tuesday	3/12/2024	
Wednesday	4/12/2024	Coffee Morning
Thursday	5/12/2024	
Friday	6/12/2024	<b>(MHST) Parent drop in session 9am to 10am</b>
Monday	9/12/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Tuesday	10/12/2024	
Wednesday	11/12/2024	<b>(MHST) Parent drop in session 9am to 10am</b>
Thursday	12/12/2024	
Friday	13/12/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Monday	16/12/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>
Tuesday	17/12/2024	
Wednesday	18/12/2024	<b>Powerful Voice Workshop</b>
Thursday	19/12/2024	<b>Christmas Sing a long</b>
Friday	20/12/2024	<b>Kettle open to parents</b>





