Two Rivers Federation

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Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term of the year, it is lovely to reflect on the way the children have embraced the last few weeks. They have been enthusiastic learners and, as we wander around the school, they are keen to share their achievements and experiences both in and out of the classroom. We hope that you all have a good half term week and look forward to seeing you all again on October 30^{th,} ready for the run up to Christmas!

Mrs Cook

After many years of committed service to the school and being our friendly welcoming face at the reception window, Mrs Cook will be retiring on 1st December. We would like to thank her for her dedication and support. We will be in touch again with information for those of you who would like to send in messages or contributions for her leaving gifts.

<u> PTA</u>

A couple of weeks ago, the new chair of the PTA was elected; Kirsty Gravett. Congratulations Kirsty! The PTA work tirelessly to support the school and have provided many great experiences as well as equipment for the school. If you are interested in being part of this group, in whatever way you are able, with whatever time you have available, please get in touch via the school office/families email. Please see Kirsty's welcome letter attached.

After School Care

From after half term, after school care will be available from 3.30pm - 4.30pm Monday to Thursday. Each day, there will be several activities on offer as well as drinks and snacks. There will also be a theme of the day, e.g. dance, craft and drama as well as home learning support. Please see the flyer that has been sent home (also attached here on the website). This is a great service offered at a low cost and you can sign your child up on a weekly basis for any number of days via school money. You may wish to use it as child care if you are busy/working or as an extra-curricular experience for your child. If there is enough interest, in time it may be extended to 5 or 5.30pm.

Does your child suffer with sleep problems?

Please see the flyer attached from The National Sleep Helpline with links to advice through a helpline and website. If you want to discuss this further with someone in school, please get in touch via families email.

<u>Clubs</u>

From the week beginning 7th November, there will be two after school clubs available run by staff. On Monday, Miss Batstone and Mrs Mitchell will be running craft club for Reception – Year 2, which is limited to 8 places. On Thursday, Mrs Symons will be running board games club, which is limited to 10 places. Both clubs will run until 4.15pm. Please book via school money.

Lego Club – only a few of spaces left for after half term!

Please read the following for information about the Lego Engineering Club.

Stemgineering Club: Autumn Term 2023: Thursday 3.30pm to 4.30pm Run by lead Stemgineer, Nick, sessions with a theme or concept develop problem-solving, design, and building skills and include activities such as making LEGO[®] zip -lines, designing elastic band powered cars, building windmills that power a light, bridge and tower construction challenges, creating kinetic sculptures, exploring perpetual motion, and so much more... The club will run: Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm. The cost is £ 31.50 for a 6-week half- term block. (Please note, childcare vouchers cannot be used). Costs will be adjusted for late starters.

BOOKINGS: please contact 'Stemgineering' either via e-mail: <u>Katherine@oscaw.com</u> or WApp/call : 07715 605 506 and pay by BACs. The details are as follows: Open School of Creative Art and Wellbeing CIC 9 4766 813 60-83-71.

Dates:

14th September (Thursdays for 10 weeks) – Y3/5 Swimming lessons Week beginning 25th September Reading Festival author visits Y1-Y6 27th September – 9.10am Class F story sharing event 29th September 2.30pm - Classes 1-3 Reading Festival sharing events 6th October 2.30pm – Harvest Festival (Parish Hall) 6th October 4.30pm - PTA AGM in school (all welcome) 14th November – School photographs – individual/family 1st, 8th, 13th and 15th December – Christmas Jumper Days 6th December 9.30am - Class F Nativity (Parish Hall) 7th December 5.30pm – Christingle (church) 12th December 2pm – KS1/KS2 Nativity (Parish Hall) 12th December 6pm – KS1/KS2 Nativity (Parish Hall) 13th December – Christmas Dinner (school) 15th December – Last day of term 2nd January – First day of school 22nd –26th April – Y6 St George's House residential 23rd / 24th May – Y5 London Residential (TBC)