



# Newsletter | 6

8th October 2021

## Resilience

Resilience is a very important quality for school, and for life! When the children returned to school after the lockdown this year, we aimed to rebuild children's resilience and confidence after their time away. Each week we award a certificate in each class to recognise a child who's been really **resilient**.

In assembly on Monday, Mr Williams talked to the children about resilience and how he uses it when he's running. We talked about the people and resources that help us be resilient, but as Lucy in Kestrels said: "**The most important thing is your mind!**" Zenelle in Ospreys described resilience as "**Always trying your best and never giving up,**" whilst Freddy and Blake in Year 6 showed resilience themselves when solving an anagram of the word! Well done to all of you!

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week.

## Early Finish

An advanced reminder that term finishes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. As with all terms, we finish early:

**Nursery: 11.45am for AM Session, 1pm for 30hrs, NO PM SESSION**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 1pm**

**Years 3-6: 1.10pm**

Walk home permission remains in place for that day, but please let us know if any collection arrangements change.

There will be no after school club or Chelsea football that day.

## Forest School / PE Kit

Now that the weather is getting wetter, if your child does both PE and Forest School (**Years 1,2,3,6**) please ensure that they have a change of shoes:

- Trainers / Plimsols for PE
- Wellies / boots / old trainers for Forest School

## Safeguarding Update

Online safety is one of the most important things you can do to keep your children safe. When playing computer games, you need to check the PEGI rating to ensure the game is appropriate: <https://pegi.info/> This is the official rating system and children are not safe if playing games above their age range.

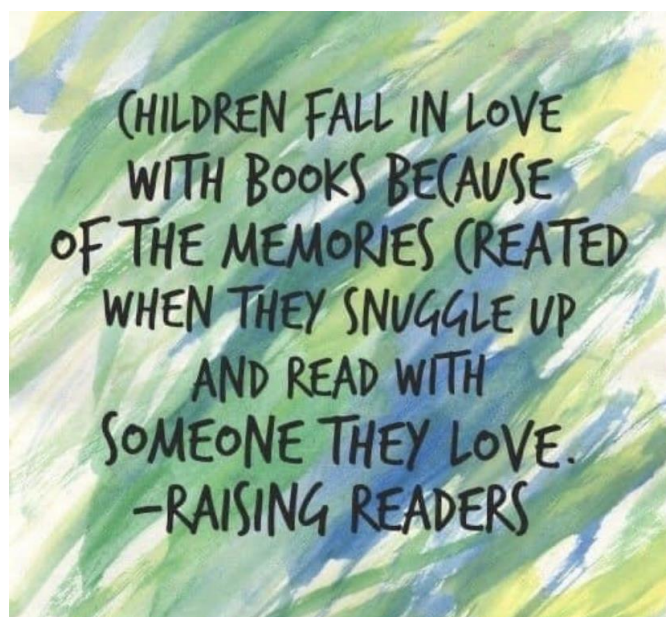
Another useful website is Common Sense media:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews>

This does not give official ratings, but allows parents to review the suitability of games for children.

## National Poetry Day – 7<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to everyone who brought in a poem yesterday to celebrate National Poetry Day. Our theme at Zouch was '**Autumn Days**'. Certificates will be given out to the winners in next week's assembly.



## Meet the Governors

Governors do a vital role for our school. This week we introduce **Hannah Beckley** – Deputy Chair and Champion of Early Years, Reading & Phonics, and Parental Engagement

Hannah is a Mum of 2 children at Zouch, most of her working career has been child-centred, in nurseries and as an OFSTED registered nanny, in the UK and Europe. She has been inspired to retrain as a chiropractor and has opened her own clinic in Ludgershall. Her experience in childcare and as a parent means she is well suited to the EYFS and Reading lead roles as Parent Governor. Hannah is passionate about improving communication between parents and the school and listening to parent's views and encouraging positive changes.

### An Autumn Poem by Grace in Sparrowhawks

Auburn Leaves, Under the Trees,

The air is cold,

Use your scarf and gloves,

Moonlight shines on the wet ground,

November will bring winter...

Through my window, I noticed a wonderful sight,

Bright stars shining in the middle of the night,

I saw beautiful coloured leaves, falling from the trees,

And though it was raining, what a wonderful sight to see,

Seeking my arm out,

I felt a freezing breeze,

The wind was not at ease.



## Healthy Eating at Zouch Academy

As a Healthy School we are always looking to promote healthy eating. If you provide your child with packed lunches and you are looking for healthy ideas please see the change4life recipe suggestions in the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>

If there are any parents who have found their own healthy lunch box ideas have been popular with children, please let us know!

## MDSA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an MDSA on The White Horse Federation Website. Please find information via the link below;

<https://thewhitehorsefederation.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/2384733?cid=1559&s=False&t=MDSA&l=Zouch-Academy>

## Meal Bookings Term 2

Our current menu is continuing up to Christmas. Please go on to Parent Pay to book your child's meals for after half term. **Bookings for Wc 1 Nov 21 will close Midnight Tues 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

### Dates for the Term:

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Osprey Class Dance Performance KS2 Hall, 9.15

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Kestrel Class Dance Performance KS2 Hall, 9.15

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Break up for Half Term, early finish at 1PM

**Mon 1st Nov** – Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils.

**Thurs 4th Nov** – Bonfire Themed Menu. Please see Parent Pay