



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Diversity and Inclusion

As you will remember, we began a big piece of work around race and identify last year at Penpol. This has supported valuable learning for all and was very much led by our **race equality taskforce**. This group of parents, staff and (many) children has been instrumental in helping to shape how we as a school community can adopt an anti-racist approach in all that we do. I met with the children today and reflected upon their success so far. We also discussed that a number of other schools have heard of the taskforce's great work and are seeking to develop a similar approach in their own settings. Well done to all involved!

Following this great start, the group has agreed that it can now broaden its focus to include diversity and inclusion more broadly. Renaming itself the **Inclusion and Diversity Taskforce**, our group would love to hear from any parents or guardians interested in joining us as we continue to build a fairer future for all. Please do get in touch at my email address below if you would like to take part.

## Andrew Clover

We had a fantastic time on Tuesday when children's author **Andrew Clover** joined us for the day. He shared some of his books with the children and inspired us all with his lively and animated writing techniques. Many children couldn't even bear to put their pens down and kept on writing throughout lunchtime! Keep up the great work everybody. 😊

## Morning Timings

Thank you all for adjusting to our slightly earlier start in the morning. The **registers are being taken at 8:50** so it is important that all children are in class by this point please. In order to keep everyone safe and accounted for, classroom doors will be closed at this point. If you are running late and arrive after 8:50, please bring your child to the main entrance so that we can register them safely. Thank you.

## Books and Clothes!

Another reminder please to have a hunt around at home for **any missing school books** please. Replacing books is important but can also be a huge drain upon already stretched school budgets. Any books found can be dropped in at the office or in your child's classroom with no questions asked!

A number of children are missing **jumpers**, many with name labels on. Please do have a check around at home in case any have arrived by mistake. Thank you!

Finally, the weather is beginning to shift and we will of course continue to learn and play outside in many ways. Please do check that your child leaves the house with a **labelled coat** ready for their adventures every day. 😊

Best wishes,

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