

### ***A note from the Headteacher***

In the last newsletter I shared how the mental health needs of young people are increasing and the support networks in place to help families. In our staff CPD session on Wednesday, we received training from Abigail Gilbert, an Educational Psychologist, who is leading a programme on attachment awareness. The training focused on the difficulties that some children face due to an early life experience and the impact it can have on how a child's brain works and how they function. In the training we spoke about the importance of trust and what we can do in school to be a place where the children feel safe. The training is the first of two sessions which staff will receive as we work to become an attachment aware gold award school. Mrs Moore and Mrs Horton are jointly leading this project and working with professionals from the Local Authority. We are confident this will help support staff develop their skills as the needs of our young people change.

*Mr Miles, Headteacher*

### **Stay and Play in EYFS and Otters Class Assembly**

Thank you to all the parents and carers for attending our stay and play event on Wednesday and our Otters class assembly on Thursday. The children enjoy seeing you in school and having the opportunity to share their learning with you. The assemblies are good opportunities for the children to practise their speaking and oracy skills.

### **Trip to Woolley Firs**

Owls Class took their 'teddies' in search of an adventure to Woolley Firs Environmental Centre on Tuesday. The sun shone and all was well in the woods. They learned all about what bears need in the wild to survive, what they like to eat, where they find water to drink and where they might seek shelter. They 'had a go' at building a bear den, went in search of 'food' for the bears and used our 'listening gems' to help us hear the sounds of the woods and lots more besides. Ms Hayward and Miss Everett were incredibly proud of all the children, who not only represented our school incredibly well but also made connections between their classroom learning and that which we discovered whilst on our adventure. Well done, Owls!



*Photo: Owls visiting Woolley Firs*

### **World Book Day and Promotion of Reading**

Next week is World Book Day and we have a number of events and activities through-out the week – book swap, library wishing tree, workshops, house competitions and much more. Mrs Butcher has sent out communication and we are looking forward to the visits and workshops from a number of different authors. Thursday is our fancy dress day – please add it to your diary. If your child would rather not dress up, then

they can come in dressed as 'a reader' in their own clothes/PJs and bring their favourite book.



*Photo: Otters class assembly*

### **Safeguarding Audit & Governor Visits Week**

Today we had a safeguarding review, which is organised by our Trust. The review looked at the processes and policies that the school has in place. The auditor met with pupils and staff during the visit and will make recommendation on any areas we need to strengthen as a school. This week and next week we also have governors in school looking at the key areas on our school development plan and the progress we are making towards our targets.

### **ParentPay**

Mrs Morgan has sent out important communications about the new cashless system, ParentPay. Please look out for your activation letter to sign up. All children will be required to pre-order their school meals in advance on the new system from Monday 10th March.

### **After School Clubs**

Our school clubs are still running this term (with the exception of choir club). Please ensure your child attends every week and is collected promptly at the correct collection time (4 pm or 4.15pm for Year 6 SATs club).