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School Values

Responsible Excellence Share Polite Encourage Communicate Truth

Newsletter - 16th December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another amazing week we have had in school! How lovely was it to see all the children across the school thoroughly enjoy their performances. Thank you to the children for your great improvisations, the staff for taking the time to help produce such wonderful performances and to parents/carers for providing the costumes. As always, these performances would not be so amazing without the excellent co-ordination by Miss Tucker, ably supported by Miss Hall.

Over the last two nights we have all been dancing away at the school discos - it is so good to let our hair down (including the teachers). Today we enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch which was made even more enjoyable with children wearing a Christmas jumper; they pulled a Christmas cracker and sang along to the music playing in the background. Thank you to all staff for making these events extra special for our children.

On a sad note, as many of you now know, Miss Tucker will be leaving us next week. We will miss her very much and thank her for all her hard work leading the English and Music curriculum, as well organising the school performances. However, we are also very excited about her new venture - teaching in Spain. Good luck Miss Tucker and do keep in touch!

Diane Barrick - Headteacher

School Council Elections

In true democratic style, children across the school voted for their class School Council representatives. There was a tremendous turn out of more than 60 children registering their interest which is amazing. Thanks to all those children who took part. Due to such a positive response it has been decided that each class should have a councillor and a deputy who can support with future council events and feedback to their respective class.

Congratulations to...

Daisy Class - Sky, Saffron (Deputy), Poppy Class - Aidah, Dhvani (Deputy), Fern Class - Ejaz, Adelina (Deputy), Rose Class: Cassidy, Ambrin (Deputy), Willow Class: Ameera, Riaz (Deputy), Pine Class: Jaasir, Ilias (Deputy), Oak Class: Michael, Younas (Deputy Spring Term), Taha (Deputy Summer Term), Chestnut Class: Elin, Mujtaba (Deputy), Holly Class: Sarah, Naona (Deputy), Tulip Class: Nishath, Sabian (Deputy).

Their first role will be to gather old books from across the school to sell at the parent/carer evening on Monday. If you have any old books to contribute, please bring them to school on Monday. Proceeds to Children in Need.

Attendance

A reminder to all parents/carers, that holidays during term time, or attached to a school holiday, will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. We have already had a number of families whose children have been absent from school and we have not been able to make contact with them. This leads us to believe that some families may have taken their children on holiday without authorisation. Any parent/carer who takes their child/ren on holiday without authorisation will be issued with a penalty notice with a charge of £60 per parent per child.

Children will continue full lessons all the way up to the end of the term- so need to be in school every day! We don't 'switch off', but keep teaching fun and exciting lessons until Tuesday 20th December. We will of course let off steam at the class celebrations on Tuesday afternoon where children can share their achievements. Should your child/ren not attend school on Monday 19th and/or Tuesday 20th December, or return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017, we will expect a note from your child's local GP to confirm their sickness/absence. Any parent/carer who does not provide this information will also be issued with a penalty notice with a charge of £60 per parent per child.

Governor Survey

At the parent/carer evening on Monday, Governors will be taking this opportunity to canvas your views on some of the changes we have made this year. They have asked me to put the information on the newsletter so you have time to think about what you may want to say. Things that are going well and those things that you think need to be improved are welcome.

- 1) What do you think of the new homework? Is it too hard or too easy? Does it help you to know what your children are doing?
- 2) Do you like the new class newsletters? Does it tell you everything you want to know? Is there anything else you would like to see on them?

3) What should we spend the money we raise through community events on? Additional microphones and stands in the hall for assemblies and school concerts; air conditioning in the hall; play equipment or any other ideas?

Remember we can only get better if we know how we can develop further!

Dates for your diary

19th Dec
20th Dec
21st Dec

Parent/Carer Meetings - 3.30-8pm
Last day for staff and children
SCHOOL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Whole School Attendance - w/e 16th December 2016

EYFS & KS1:

Sunflower - 89.3%	Snowdrop - 96.4%
Bluebell - 96.0%	Marigold - 99.0%
Daisy - 93.4%	Poppy - 93.6%

KS2:

Rose - 99.3%	Fern - 98.7%
Willow - 90.7%	Pine - 95.6%
Chestnut - 97.0%	Oak - 97.7%
Tulip - 97.3%	Holly - 93.7%

Whole School Attendance this week (w/e 16th December) 95.6%
Whole School Attendance so far - 6th September to & 16th December 2016 - 95.9%

Well done to Marigold & Rose for best attendance this week!

Keep working hard to ensure your child attends school every day and on time (8.55am)!

Achievement Awards

** Star of the Week - Polite **

Lacy Munro, Mickey Phillips, Bradley Marquis, Nila Arunachalam, Jojo Silvestre Duarte, Siddratul Mehjabeen, Atarah Ngana, Riley Farrugia, Amicet Upate, Moosa Ali, Vickie Chen, Asifa Noorul, Yunis Hassan, Hamzah Rahman, Freddie Morton and Sabian Ceraj.

Writer of the week

Oliwia Herman, Simon-David Shapiro, Tyler Withers, Kabishan Chandrathas, Ayssa Balombo, Umar Mohsin, Aaliyah Mensah-Bongwalan, Hurley Bravo Neto, Huaida Hassan, Kennesia Watkin, Shahid Alom, Drilona Miftari, Aimua Aguda and Jobair Miah.

** Homework of the Week**

Millie Tuck, Christopher Barnard, Miraal Ghani, Mymuna Jannat, Nibraz Abedin, Shriya Maricharla, Treyvon Laird, Maryam Uddin, Daniel Hanyov, Salina Stankulova, Kelvin Almeida, Chelsy Mutoro, Omari Watson and Inaya Jannat.

Presentation Award

rec1, Muqtar Hassan, Marios Tsouchnikas, Adam Ait-Iddir, Ayub Shujon, Debotro Biswas, Navaeh Crouch, Brannon Carvalho, Tyrell Hall-Carr, Jonathan Kamal, Kelvin Gomes, Muntajim Mohamadhazi, Umar Islam, Mael Moeller, Zaeen Hussain, Nasira Zayn, Ainhua Palacios Marquez, Asifa Alameen, Artur Hakobyan, Thaissa Monteiro Neves, Nayeemah Miah, Hajira Ali, Bolaji Maj-Dada, Viktoria Zsuk, Yaiza Romero Picuasi, Nishath Chowdhury and Tasnim Tannoor.

Pen Licence

Angelo Da Costa

3 Gold Awards

Liam Akyl, Rayna Aschkar-Laird, Nudar Binti Nur, Tobias Zaidi, Elvina Thompson, Sky Ward, Soha Ali, Asia Dos Santos, Aidah Mamun, Riley Farrugia, Ilyas Jama, Dylan Nieva, Ibtisam Nuhsib Said, Mujtaba Sidat, Awo Adan, Nayeemah Miah, Nibras Bin Nur, Maya Siddique, Foyez Ahmed, Yohannes Zekariase, Fatima Toure, Amir Rashid, Munisa Mohamud and Jobair Miah.