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Newsletter - 6th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Holidays as much as I did! This week there will be no achievements on the newsletter as we have only been back 2 days. However, we will return to achievements as normal next week. This week we will be saying goodbye to Miss Moolman (Miss Lindi) as she goes off on maternity leave. We wish her well and I will update you as soon as we have news to share. Miss Reicher (Miss Alice) will be taking over the class 4 days a week with Miss Turner taking the other day.

We have a very busy and exciting term leading up to the Easter break so I have provided the key dates for the next term on this newsletter. As always, please feel free to come and speak to myself or a member of my senior leadership team should you have any concerns, questions or comments - no matter how small they are!

Diane Barrick
Headteacher

Topic Webs

With the newsletter today you will receive the Topic Web for this next half term (Spring 1). Following a suggestion to Governors from a parent at the parent/carer evening, the topic web for the next half term (Spring 2), will be sent out before the half term so any families who want to undertake any research or plan a visit can do so. Therefore, the next topic webs will be sent out on Friday 10th February.

On Monday you will receive your child's 'Celebration Newsletter' sharing with you the many exciting things they have been learning about during the last half term (Autumn 2).

Religious Education Quality Mark - Silver Award

The Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM) recognises high quality RE, particularly those schools which are providing their learners with authentic experiences and contributing to whole school outcomes.

Well done to Mrs McFarlane (RE Leader) and all school staff who contributed to achieving the Silver RE Quality Mark. The assessor was very impressed with the application, subject leadership and the standard of work in RE across the school. Yet another logo and plaque for our display in the school entrance and on the website recognising the great work going on.

Children's Targets

During our assembly yesterday, I talked to the children about the targets we want to work on during the Spring term. In order to support your children, it is important for you to know what they are and how you can support your children at home.

1) Presentation and handwriting - in all books, including homework:

At home, encourage children to complete their homework concentrating on their presentation and joined handwriting (where appropriate).

2) Ready for tests:

Last half term, most children had the opportunity to experience testing. We will continue to do this through the Spring term so that they are less nervous and more prepared for the tests they will need to sit in May/June this year.

To support them at home, encourage your children to have a go at the reading comprehension task and mental maths activities independently before talking it through with them.

3) Reading regularly and for pleasure:

- Reading every day and recording in the reading journal;
- Visiting the school and local library;
- Choosing books at the right level.

At home, encourage your child to read a variety of material such as: comics, newspapers, labels and books.

Following suggestions to Governors from parents/carers before Christmas, we are looking at holding some parent/carer workshops so that you understand what your children are learning and how this is taught. Watch this space!

Dates for your diary

9 th Jan	Year 4 swimming for 2 weeks
11 th Jan	Year 6 Parent/Carer Meeting - SATs
11 th Jan	Year 5 Parent/Carer Meeting - Fairplay House
12 th Jan	Year 2 Parent/Carer Meeting - SATs
18 th Jan	Year 1 Parent/Carer Meeting - Phonics
23 rd Jan	Maths Week - Bring a Parent/Carer
27 th Jan	Chinese New Year Assembly - Yr 1 - All Welcome
w/c 6 th Feb	e-Safety Week
w/c 6 th Feb	Parent/Carer E-Safety Workshops
7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
w/c 13 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
20 th Feb	Children return to school
w/c 20 th Feb	Work Week
w/c 27 th Feb	Book Week
2 nd Mar	World Book Dressing Up Day
15 th Mar	Bag 2 School Collection
15 th Mar	Science Day
22 nd Mar	Spring Music Concerts - Years 3-6
24 th Mar	Red Nose Day
27 th Mar	Parent/Carer Meetings - 3.30-8pm
29 th Mar	Easter Concert - EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
3 rd Apr	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER BREAK
19 th Apr	Children return to School

Whole School Attendance - w/e 6th January 2017

EYFS & KS1:

Sunflower - 85.2%	Snowdrop - 97.0%
Bluebell - 96.7%	Marigold - 89.2%
Daisy - 97.4%	Poppy - 97.3%

KS2:

Rose - 93.3%	Fern - 94.8%
Willow - 85.8%	Pine - 92.5%
Chestnut - 96.7%	Oak - 95.0%
Tulip - 100%	Holly - 100%

Whole School Attendance this week (w/e 6th January) 94.3%
 Whole School Attendance so far - 6th September to & 6th January 2017 - 96.0%

Well done to Daisy, Tulip & Holly for best attendance this week!

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