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School Values

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Newsletter - 27th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many parents/carers involved in the 'Bring a Parent/Carer' Maths week in school. Thank you for supporting your children in this way: your feedback is invaluable in letting us know what you enjoyed and how we can improve these opportunities in the future.

We always want to involve parents/carers as much as possible in their children's education, so we will be organising some workshops after the half term. These will give you an insight into how reading, writing and maths are taught and what you can do to help your children. I will send out details as soon as possible.

Diane Barrick
Headteacher

Improving School Lunches

Over the last couple of months, Miss Cooke (Healthy Schools Leader) has been working with the children, school staff and catering staff to make our school lunches even better. Whenever we get visitors to our school, and outcomes of kitchen inspections always praise the quality and selection of the food we offer. We know it must be good because almost all children choose school lunches and so do our staff! However, we always know we can do better - thanks to those parents/carers who have shared with us some of the concerns they have, it really does help us.

Miss Cooke has taken on board the views of the children and parents/carers and met with our school cook to implement the following new procedures:

- 1) Music playing at lunchtime;
- 2) Hanging up coats outside of the lunch hall;
- 3) Allowing children to be independent by serving their own water and collecting their own cutlery;
- 4) Ensuring that what is on the menu is what is served;
- 5) Making sure there is enough of the foods that children would like to eat by allowing children to view the menu the day before and choose what they would like so that cook knows how much to prepare;
- 6) Encouraging children to try new dishes, including vegetables/fruit and salad.

As with any new procedures, we have had a few teething problems but the staff are working hard to rectify these as soon as possible and feedback from the children so far is very positive.

Parent/Carer Survey

By now you will have received a copy of the Parent/Carer Survey for you to complete (green letter). It is really important that we get the views of our school community in order to evaluate what is working well and what we can do to improve further. Once you have completed the survey please return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 3rd February. Once these have been collated and analysed, I will update you via the weekly newsletter and add this onto the school's website.

e-Safety Week

This year's Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 7th Feb with a theme of 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'.

In order to support parents/carers with this important safeguarding issue, we have organised for a local authority advisor to lead a workshop:

Monday 6th February 2017
9am - 10am
Carpenters Primary school
Crèche available

Letters will be going out on Monday for you to register your interest. In the meantime, the following website is really useful - UK Safer Internet Centre - www.saferinternet.org.uk. This site has lots of useful information and resources to support parents/carers in keeping children safe online whilst at home.

Dates for your diary

w/c 6 th Feb	e-Safety Week
6 th Feb	Parent/Carer e-Safety Workshop - 9-10am
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 27th January 2017

EYFS & KS1:

Sunflower - 80.1%	Snowdrop - 94.1%
Bluebell - 100% EXCELLENT!!	Marigold - 88.0%
Daisy - 97.2%	Poppy - 100% EXCELLENT!!

KS2:

Rose - 95.7%	Fern - 94.1%
Willow - 88.9%	Pine - 94.3%
Chestnut - 96.7%	Oak - 92.0%
Tulip - 92.7%	Holly - 98.5% WELL DONE!

Whole School Attendance this week (w/e 27th January) 93.8%
 Whole School Attendance so far - 6th September to & 27th January 2017 - 95.7%

Well done to Bluebell, Poppy and Holly 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 - Excellence **

Iffat Ali, Arya Ahmed, Darryl Addae-Kodua, Mubassir Mohamadhazi, Miraal Ghani, Elvina Thompson, Sumaiya Akther, Riley Farrugia, David Canas Sanches, Ambrin Elez, Eva Chowdhury, Maya Uysal, Sashon Sinclair, Mahdi Muhsin Said, Shelly Srikanth and Ruth Luizi.

Writer of the week

Khadija Rahman, Samiha Islam, Sahara Sattar, Jeremiah Tete-Cole, Leon Bokoko, Suha Afroz, Laura Eni, Cassidy Hessing-Senyah, Elisabeta Hysi, David Botchway, Christian Worrell, Bolaji Maj-Dada, Aimua Aguda and Ashton Farrugia.

** Homework of the week **

Caleb Mbiya, Alishba Khanam, Nudar Binti Nur, Tobias Zaidi, Iqra Akhtar, Kaleigh Watkin, Muad Muqtaar, Connie Chen, Nadia Demiter, Hasan Rajeb, Charlene Ansa, Zainab Hassan, Sarah Ogungbure and Wiktorina Herman.

Presentation Award

Ibrahim Abdur-Rahman, Rachit Banker, Nini, Mansour Muhsin Said, Isla Brandao, Phoenix Munro, Rafael Menezes De Castro Paiva, Riman Akyl, Dylan Ramirez Estrada, Julia Mbuyi, Thaissa Monteiro Neves, Aliyah Hassan, Amina Mohamed and Inaya Jannat.

3 Gold Awards

Siddratul Mehjabeen, Nusaiba Rahman, Cairen Lewis, Sky Ward, Soha Ali, Siphosami Balogun, Mahnaz Basaduzzaman, Dhvani Patel, Zane Okaikoi, Aarush Bhatt, Seon Berhane-Dickenson, Vickie Chen, Hawa Galayr, Raess Nauyeck, Hanaan Galayr, Thaissa Monteiro Neves, Sashon Sinclair, Nayeemah Miah, Idriis Jama, Awo Adan, Sharuka Chandrathas, Nishath Chowdhury and Terrell Reid.