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Newsletter - 5th January 2018

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 3 days. However, we will return to achievements as normal next week.

This week we welcomed back Miss Moolman (Miss Lindi) from maternity leave. For the rest of the academic year, she will be working part-time in Nursery alongside Miss Andrade.

Last term the school took part in a number of fundraising activities. I am delighted to inform you that we raised a whopping £462.98 commission from the sale of photographs - this money will be put into the school community fund. In addition, we raised £239.10 wearing Christmas Jumpers on the last day of the term - this money will be sent off to Save the Children.

We have a very busy and exciting time leading up to the Easter break so I have provided the key dates for the next term on this newsletter. Along with this newsletter, you will receive the Spring 1 information newsletter for your child's year group.

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

Starting School

A reminder that the deadline for online applications via eadmissions.org.uk for Starting School in a Reception Class from September 2018 is 15th January 2018. Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 must apply. Should you require any advice or support in completing the online form, please contact the school office.

Maths with Parents

This year, Miss Frame (Senior Leader responsible for Maths) launched a new initiative called, 'Maths with Parents'. This initiative understands how parents/carers can have a huge impact on the success of their children's learning and works to support parents in order to boost their confidence when supporting their children in maths. As methods for teaching calculation have changed so much over the years, 'Maths with Parents' enables parents to be kept up to date with these changes and provides fun learning opportunities for families to work together to consolidate their children's learning in maths.

The launch of the Maths with Parents/Carers programme in September was a huge success - there were so many families crammed into the school hall. By now you should all be aware of your child's log in details. If you would like these again, please contact Miss Frame or Ms Hook. Analysis so far this academic year:

- Families have spent 1,551 minutes watching maths videos together.
- Families have accessed 1,034 fun maths games together.

Quotes from parents/carers:

'Great!! A very good way for times table problems.'

'That helps a lot to learn about shapes.'

'I love maths with parents.'

If you have any questions or would like more information about this exciting initiative, please see Miss Frame in Rose Class or Ms Hook.

School Uniform & PE Kits including school bags

A reminder to all parents/carers of the school uniform requirements:

Children should be wearing the correct school uniform including **plain black shoes/trainers** (no coloured laces or symbols etc).

Children must have the PE kit in school at all times:

- 1) Bring in at the beginning of a half term and your child will bring them home before the holidays to be washed; or
- 2) Bring in every Monday and your child can take them home every Friday to be washed.

Children who attend an after-school club will be asked to return their kit to their classroom before going home.

During spells of cold weather, please remember to supply your child with a pair of joggers or leggings, as well as a jumper to wear outside during PE. It is important that this extra clothing also follows our school uniform policy. As a result, joggers must be black or grey only and the jumper must be black, grey or red. These extra items must be in addition to their normal school uniform so that children are not continuing to wear clothing that will become dirty as the children take part in exercise during the lesson.

Promoting active lifestyles

In order to promote more physical activity during playtime and lunchtime, particularly during the cold weather, Miss Ama will be selling sponge balls for the children to use at school.

Sponge Balls - £1

On sale from the Cool Room on Tuesday & Wednesday lunchtime.

We will write the child's initials and class on them to avoid confusion!

Children's Targets

During our assembly today, 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 them at home.

1) Maths homework - Using Maths with Parents and TT Rockstars (Times Tables):

Using these programmes will help support the work in the classroom and develop their basic skills of times tables. At home, encourage children to complete the tasks - work with them viewing the Maths with Parents video examples.

2) 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 and being read books that are of interest to them.

At home, encourage your child to read a variety of material such as: comics, newspapers, labels and books. Ask them what they have been reading and what they may have learnt.

3) Resilience:

Behaviour for learning - Getting yourself right for learning - don't worry about what other children are doing - you do the right thing.

Emotional wellbeing - Knowing what to do/who to go to if they need help. Making the right choices.

Dates for your diary

8th Jan	Year 4 swimming for 2 weeks
10th Jan	Year 6 Parent/Carer Meeting - SATS & Fairplay - 3.30pm
11th Jan	Year 5 Parent/Carer Meeting - Fairplay House - 3.30pm
16th Jan	Year 2 Parent/Carer Meeting - SATs
17th Jan	Year 1 Parent/Carer Meeting - Phonics
w/c 5th Feb	e-Safety Week
6th Feb	e-Safety Parent/Carer Workshops
6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
9th Feb	Chinese New Year Assembly - 11am - Yr 1 - All Welcome
12th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
16th Feb	Chinese New Year
19th Feb	Children return to school
w/c 19th Feb	Work Week & Bring a Parent/Carer to School Week
w/c 26th Feb	Book Week
1st Mar	World Book Dressing Up Day
7th Mar	Bag 2 School Collection
8th Mar	Parent/Carer Meetings - 3.30pm - 8pm
12th Mar	World Science Week
14th Mar	Science Day
21st Mar	Spring Music Concerts - Years 3-6
23rd Mar	Red Nose Day
28th Mar	Easter Concert - EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
30th Mar	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER BREAK
3rd April	Year 6 Easter School (Tue - Fri)

Whole School Attendance - w/e 5th January 2018

EYFS & KS1:

Sunflower - 91.1%	Snowdrop - 94.4%
Bluebell - 96.4%	Marigold - 99.4% WELL DONE!
Daisy - 89.9%	Poppy - 87.9%

KS2:

Rose - 92.0%	Fern - 94.8%
Willow - 97.1%	Pine - 95.0%
Chestnut - 100% EXCELLENT!!	Oak - 91.1%
Tulip - 96.1%	Holly - 91.6%

Whole School Attendance this week (w/e 5th January 2018) 94.0%

Whole School Attendance so far - 5th September to 5th January 2018 - 95.9%

New Whole School Target - 96.6%

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

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