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School Values

Responsible Excellence Share Polite Encourage Communicate Truth

Newsletter - 7th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it is nearly the Christmas break! We have so many things to do: lots of learning to complete, school concerts, our Christmas lunch and jumper day, discos and end of term celebration assemblies. I must reassure parents/carers that children will continue with their learning all the way up to the end of the term- so children need to be in school every day! We don't 'switch off', but keep teaching fun and exciting lessons until Friday 21st December. We will of course let off steam on the afternoon of Friday 21st when children can share their achievements.

Diane Barrick
Headteacher

Explore Learning

This Wednesday, 4 students from Year 6 (Vickie, Alexandra, Jaasir and Aarush) represented the school in the semi-finals of the Young Mathematicians Awards. They battled against other schools in the region for a place in the finals which will take place at Cambridge University in January. We are all very proud of the children's achievements and will share the results with you as soon as we hear!

End of term Discos

EYFS Tuesday 11th December - 4-5pm
Years 1-3 - Wednesday 12th December - 4-5.30pm
Years 4-6 - Wednesday 12th December - 6-7.30pm
£2 per ticket - this includes a drink (soft or fizzy) and a bag of crisps
Tickets on sale now from the Leadership Room in the KS2 playground before and after school!

Christmas Concerts

Years 1-6 - Wednesday 19th December
'Christmas Classics' through song
am (9.30am) - Marigold, Daisy, Fern, Willow, Chestnut & Holly
pm (1.45pm) - Bluebell, Poppy, Rose, Pine, Oak & Tulip

EYFS (Nursery & Reception) - Tuesday 18th December

'Humpfy the Camel'
am - 9.30am & pm - 2.30pm
Tickets will go on sale on Thursday 13th December

Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday, thousands of people up and down the UK will start the day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause - to help create a brighter future for children.

Friday 14th December
Wear a Christmas Jumper
(Normal school skirts or trousers and black shoes)
Bring in £1 to raise funds for Save the Children

Parent/Carer & Teacher Association

The school has been approached by a few parents/carers who are interested in re-establishing a PTA (Parent/Carer & Teacher Association). In the past, the PTA have supported the school in a number of fundraising events throughout the year. This would be a great support for the staff and would help to ensure key events are supported and essential funds raised. If you are interested in being a part of the PTA, please contact Miss Ama.

Term Time Holidays

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/carers who takes their child/ren on holiday without authorisation will automatically be issued with a penalty notice with a charge of £60 per parent per child.

Should your child/ren not attend school between Wednesday 19th and Friday 21st December, or return to school on Monday 7th January 2019, we will expect a note from your child's local GP to confirm their sickness/absence. Any parent/carers who does not provide this information will also be issued with a penalty notice with a charge of £60 per parent/carers per child.

Dates for your diary

11 th Dec	EYFS - End of term disco
12 th Dec	Years 1-6 - End of term disco
14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day & Party
14 th Dec	End of After School Clubs. Clubs resume on Monday 7th January 2019
18 th Dec	Nativity Concert - EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
19 th Dec	Christmas Concert - Years 1-6
21 st Dec	LAST DAY - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Whole School Attendance - w/e 7th December 2018

EYFS & KS1:

Sunflower - 94.0%	Snowdrop - 85.0%
Bluebell - 88.7%	Marigold - 96.6%
Daisy - 95.0%	Poppy - 98.6% WELL DONE!

KS2:

Rose - 94.8%	Fern - 95.4%
Willow - 98.6%	Pine - 96.7%
Chestnut - 98.3%	Oak - 95.0%
Tulip - 100% EXCELLENT!!	Holly - 96.9%

Whole School Attendance this week (w/e 7th December 2018) - 95.2%
Whole School Attendance so far - 4th September to 7th December 2018 - 96.6%

****New Whole School Target - 96.4%****

Well done to Poppy and Tulip 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 - Encourage**

Cynthia Arunachalam , Aminata Diaby, Deri Drar, Gadriel Daji, Zara Maynard-Hunter, Alesha Islam, Darryl Addae-Kodua, Ila Kartal, Amara Khur-Yearn, Dhru Koriya, Umar Mohsin, Pelumi Maj-Dada, Shannon Lake, Lara Cabral, Alexandra Bramcheva and Seon Berhane-Dickenson

** Reader Award **

Rose Blossom, Molly Whitfield, Ali Mohamed, Caleb Mbiya, Faith Onibudo, Caroline Dappaah-Kuffour, Tyler-James Withers, Kevin Appiah-Sarpong, Riley Farrugia, Adelina Vint, Benedicata Birago-Sarpong, Jaydon Salmon-Kirby and Dylan Nieva.

** Presentation Award **

Yunis Hatim, Amy Amado, Ethan Osedebamen , Xavier Pluck, Muqtar Hassan, Hassan Islam, Victoria Mozolewska, Isla Brandao, Mysha Ahmed, Abu Sinha, Ronnie Darkoh, Jaasir Iftakhar and Eva Chowdhury.

** Homework Award **

Yusuf Khan, Jotham Kofi Nyarko, Henry O'Shea, Julia Grochulska, Hope Onibudo, Aari Ghosal-Ali, Fatime Quraishi, Romy Sinclair, Jean Carbone, Siphosami Balogun, David Canas Sanches, Shariq Iftakhar, Asifa Alameen and Nadira Zayn.

** Gold Award **

Albjon Hodaj, DeLion Hutchinson, Abdirahman Mogtaar, Nailah Lawrence-Stokes, Sakib Talha, Iqra Akthar, Soha Ali, Hemel Bhuyan, Umar Mohsin, Dhvani Patel, Sky Ward, Mariza Aguiar, Cem Akdeniz, Zaeem Hussain and Zane Okaikoi.

** Pen Licence **

Matei Alixandru, Darryl Addae-Kodua and Siphosami Balogun.

** Lunchtime Award **

Amy Amado, Julia Grochulska, Oliwia Herman, DeLion Hutchinson, Bailey Feltham, Amelia Crowley, Reeko McKenzie, Cairon Lewis, Patricia Vida, Ayla Ghani, Kaif Kazi and David Botchway.