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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 23rd February 2017
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Attendance w/beg: 6th February 2017
Whole School: 90.60%
Class of the week: Class 4 97.33%

VIP Diners

Our VIP diners this week were William in Class 2, Abigail in Class 3 and Angel in Class 4. What a wonderful time they had with Mrs Mackenzie.

Handwriting Awards

Congratulations to Harry in class 4 for achieving his Silver handwriting award.

Letters home this week

Shipmates School Quiz
Home Learning Challenge
Social Networking

Week Beginning 27th February 2017

School Dinners

Week 2



Craze of the Week

Top Trumps

Forest School

Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note all dates are on our website

February

28th Pancake Toss

March

2nd & 3rd World Book Day

3rd Families to join for story afternoon 2:35pm

9th Classes 2 & 3 to CLC morning only

14th & 15th Runwell Football Club

31st Spring Assembly (pm)

Updated Contact Details

Thank you very much to all parents and carers who returned the updated Contact Details Form. The office staff were overwhelmed with the amount of completed forms that were returned on Friday and would like to thank all the parents and carers. Congratulations to the Naylor family who were the lucky winners of the Marsh Farm family tickets.

Parental Feedback

All staff in school are aware of the unpleasant way that the school has been represented this week on social media. We are always happy to discuss individual concerns with families and are always disappointed when people choose to complain on Facebook without discussing their views with the school. Our letter about the use of Facebook has been updated and is being sent out to families tomorrow. We are delighted that a large number of our families have given us positive feedback about the recent Home Learning Challenge and we have modified the next challenge in response to suggestions made by families. If you would like to be involved, don't forget to collect the new Challenge paperwork from the school office from Tuesday next week and remember to hand the sheet in **every** Friday morning.

Author in School!

We are very lucky to have a visit from author Pip Jones and illustrator Laura Hughes on Monday 6th March. Pip & Laura will be presenting their exciting new book to the children EYFS & Years 1 & 2 during the morning. There will be an opportunity to meet them and also buy a book and get it signed too. Letters will be sent home tomorrow with further details.

KS1 – Jars

Please can all children in Years 1 and 2 bring into school an empty jar, plastic glass, ideally with a lid by next Friday 3rd March. This is for an art activity that will stimulate their writing in class.

Lunchtime Heroes

In four weeks we will be changing our Lunchtime Heroes. If you are in Year 2 and interested in becoming a hero, please pick up an application form from the front office.

Technical problems

If you are experiencing problems accessing emails and our website from smartphones please let the school office team know and they will be able to arrange for Mr Ashman to help. He is very good with all forms of technology and more than happy to help.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March and Friday 3rd March. Our theme for World Book Day is "pants". Parents and Carers are invited into class to share a story with your children at 2:35pm, younger siblings are also welcome to attend. If you have more than one child in school and you would like to share a story with both children, you are invited to a special story session in the hall with Mrs Mackenzie.

Change of menu for Thursday 2nd March

Hogwarts Hamburger
or Dobby Veggie Burger
with
Wizard Wedges and Slithering Spaghetti Hoops
Followed by Magical Muffins

Jacket potatoes, salad bar, yogurts and fresh fruit will still be available. If you want to change your original dinner order please let the office staff know.

Fair Trade Breakfast

Advance notice that we are having a "Fair Trade" breakfast in school Friday 10th March at 9am, in class. Fair Trade Chocolate, Fair Trade bananas and milk and/or water will be available for a donation of 50p towards our Fair Trade fund. Money will be collected on the day in class. Adults and pre-school children are also welcome to stay. We will be sending out a separate letter next week with a reply slip so we know how much breakfast to buy.

Advance Notice

There has been a change to our diary and this has been updated on the website. Our Maths workshops and Spring assemblies will be on 31st March. Further details will be sent home in the next few weeks. The first workshop is at 9am followed by the spring assembly and the next will be at 2pm. There will be one ticket per family and booking will be via our on-line booking system.

CLC – EYFS – 9th March

Class 2 & 3 will be going to the CLC on 9th March for the morning and will be back in time for lunch.



Quiz Night, 3rd March

Shipmates Quiz Night will be held on Friday 3rd March. If you haven't already put a team together it's not too late. Application forms can be collected from the front office.