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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°24)
10th March 2023

- **Strike action update:** As you are aware, teachers are not obliged to inform me of their decision to strike and only have to call in before 8am on the day of the strike. My perception is that a significant number of teachers in the NEU will strike for the two days and opening the school will be really challenging to provide staffing. **As of today, it is likely that Yr6 children can attend school on Wednesday but not Thursday**. I'm not able to make a decision about children entitled to FSM or that have an EHCP or Class EW yet. The teachers' strike, along with the junior doctors' strike, will cause significant disruption next week. I'm confident that staff will talk to me about their intentions and that I will be able to give you notice early next week so that you can plan ahead.
- **Ofsted update:** As a result of the inspection, I have formulated a Rapid Attainment Plan for the next 30 months. I have worked closely with the Local Authority to put training in place to address concerns raised by Ofsted. The main areas of focus are the curriculum and a number of specific safeguarding issues that have now been addressed. The school will now have an intensive focus on the teaching of phonics and adapting the curriculum for the least able/disadvantaged pupils. I will be inviting parents and carers to a meeting on Thursday 20th April 2023 at 7pm in the hall to share the Rapid Attainment Plan, give an update of progress and answer questions. The invite letter will be sent home before the end of term.
- Thank you to the FOG Committee members and volunteers that organised the Yr5 and Yr6 spring disco last night (Thursday). It seemed to me that a good time was had by all. We are looking forward to the Yr3 and Yr4 disco in a few weeks' time.
- Yr4 visited the FAST Museum yesterday (Thursday). I have attached a copy of the email I received from the staff at the museum… it's at the bottom of the newsletter.
- We have already informed the parents and carers of MC class that Mr Cooper will be leaving Guillemont at Easter to take up a new post at a different school. We have appointed a qualified teacher to take over the class from the start of the summer term. Her name is Mrs Laura Murtha and the class will then be known as LM. Mrs Murtha has several years' experience and has recently taught Yr4.There will be time for a hand-over before the start of the next term.
- All clubs and booster classes will be cancelled next week on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023 due to the planned teachers' strike.
- Thank you to Riley Chandler, Leah Johnson, Lena Thorburn, Emily Tombs, Amelia Cooles, Ashleigh Southwood, Kyla Manser, Eviee Amos and Shanai Edwards for helping with the cake sale today, raising £152.79 for Peggy's Gifts to purchase gifts for children at Christmas. Winner of the 'guess the amount of sweets in the jar' is Catherine Harris in Class YK. Winner of the 'guess the name of the Teddy' - the name was "Midnight" is Noah Howard in class CJ.
- A child in Yr6 is missing his blue Hugo Boss puffer jacket. I have sent a picture of it with this newsletter. Please can you check with your child that they haven't brought this coat home by mistake? There is a similar looking jacket that belongs to someone who may have accidentally mixed their coats up. Thank you.
- A gentle reminder please of the dress code. We have noticed that a few children are wearing their football shirt to school which is not suitable for school wear. Please make sure that they are not worn to school. Thank you for your co-operation.
- Our Guinea pigs and rabbits need a home for the Easter Holidays. If you are interested, please contact the school and speak to Sioux, Site Manager. Everything you need will be provided.
- A few reminders:
  - Monday 13th March 2023: Class photographs taken by Cardwell and Simons Photographers are in school during the morning.
  - Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023: NEU Teachers' strike. See above and be ready for an update early next week.

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- Wednesday 15th March 2923: There will be no class assembly this week due to the planned NEU teachers' strike.
- Friday 17th March 2023: Red Nose Day. Children can come to school dressed in their decorated t-shirt if they would like to.
- Tuesday 21st March 2023 to Tuesday 28th March 2023: Book Fair in school. Further details to follow.
- Thursday 23rd March 2023: FOG Lowers (Yr3 and Yr4) Disco at 6-7.30pm. Tickets available now.
- Monday 27th March 2023: Yr5 visit to Rushall Farm: Payment can be made online via Scopay or by cash or cheque at the school office.
- Thursday 30th March 2023: Yr3 and Yr4 Book club starting after school at 3.30pm-4.45pm in the library for those children that have signed up.
- Friday 31st March 2023. We break up for the Easter holidays at 3.25pm.

- Heads up: National Highways have announced that the Minley Road bridge (M3 junction 4a) is due for maintenance for two weeks from Friday 14th April 2023. Junction 4a will be closed and drivers wishing to exit will be diverted to Junction 4.
- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target. Attendance is a focus for the DfE and I will be updating you soon about changes to the way we monitor attendance.

W/B. 6th March 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
MC	98.5%
NB	97.6%
EA	96.7%
LA	96.0%
DB	95.7%
ER	95.3%
KT	94.7%
MP	94.5%
SD	94.1%
CJ	93.1%
AB	92.1%
YK	91.4%
EW	81.7%

- Congratulations to Sophie Whitlock (Yr6) and Mia Downing (Yr5). The FOG Committee judged them to have made the best Red Nose Day t-shirts. Both received a £10 Amazon gift voucher in the assembly today.
- Congratulations to the winners of the 'Jump' Reading vouchers:

Class KT

- Lilly Dean
- Amelie Wroot
- Freddie Watson Cross

Class EA

- Jackson De La Hoyde
- Alma Molnar
- Ella Bain

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Class YK
- Lyra Devar
- Luke Miller
- Demi Bademosi

Class CJ
- Cameron Padey
- Lucy Short
- Dexter Irvine

Class ER
- Jackson Long
- Myles MacKenzie
- Farren Teague

Class MC
- Kelsea Smith
- Felix Aistrop
- Oscar Burrows

Class NB
- Bradley Austin
- Cayleigh Cousins-Moss
- Isaac Daniels

Class SD
- Ella Field
- Sahara Lowrey
- Harrison Cope

Class DB
- Evie Newland-Gairns
- Sophie Shaw
- Theo Hedley

Class EW
- Ollie Vickers
- Oliver Lukacsi
- Connor Beckford

Class MP
- Cody Bray
- Sam Brown
- Ayla Reshat

Class LA
- Harvey Wroot
- Ronan Silcox
- Lena Thorburn

Class AB
- Ugnius Setikas
- Josh Patterson-Blank
- Archie McKenzie

➢ Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate in assembly today.
  - Teagan Barnes SD
  - Leon Ryder SD

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- Dixie Turner NB
- Robbie La'Frenais NB
- Jack Langford LA
- Amelia Cooles LA
- Louie Wright MP
- Emeline Field MP
- Jessica Hefford CJ
- Dexter Irvine CJ
- Isla King ER
- Sam Vidler ER
- Zachary Green AB
- Summer-Rose Harrison AB
- Freya Creed KT
- Harry Hawkes KT
- David McPhee EW
- Ollie Vickers EW
- Layla Browning EA
- Danny Potter EA
- Theo Wise MC
- Stanley Kemp MC
- Casey Thompson DB
- Freddie Russell DB

Best wishes
Denis Foster (Headteacher)

See the email below re: FAST Museum visit:

Dear Mr Foster

As you know yesterday morning 3 classes of your pupils visited our Museum.

I wanted to let you know that everyone who met them, and in particular their hosts (Jane, Michael, Peter, Richard and me) were impressed with their behaviour, knowledge and enthusiasm. They were outstanding!

But possibly the most impressive part was that after they had all left to return to school we found absolutely no litter - and barely a crumb - in the pavilion where they had enjoyed their snack and drink.

They were a credit to you, their teachers and most importantly themselves.

Please thank them from all of us.

Best wishes
John Hordley
FAST Trustee