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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°26)
24th March 2023

- Earlier this week we had nine members of staff unwell with Covid, myself included. Today we only have one member of staff unwell and not back at school. It is important to keep monitoring your children please to help contain any outbreak and if they have symptoms, please keep them at home for three days. If you need reminders about the symptoms, please use the NHS website. Thank you. On a personal note, I have avoided Covid for three years and this was my first infection. Despite all the vaccinations, I was quite unwell and needed time off work… the first time for 12 years.
- Thank you to the FOG Committee members and volunteers that organised the Yr3 and Yr4 spring disco last night (Thursday). A good time was had by all. A profit of £1081.99 was made on both discos which will go towards enhancing the learning of the children. There will be a committee meeting soon to consider how best to spend the money. Four new basketball stands and a souvenir for the King's coronation have been purchased. This is in addition to the fabulous neon sign in the library.
- We are pleased to report that £625 has been paid to Comic Relief from the Red Nose Day 2023 fundraising that the school participated in. This is from the sale of the white t-shirts that the children decorated and £1 from each FOG disco ticket sale. Thank you to everyone that donated.
- Tickets are now on sale for the Newfire Easter Event and Easter Egg Hunt (Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 2pm) from the school office. Tickets cost £1 per child (to guarantee an Easter egg); parents and adults are free and don't need a ticket. Last year tickets sold out very quickly so please get them as soon as possible.
- This week, our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have shared some key messages about being safe pedestrians with the school. Please take some time to discuss these ideas with your child. A copy of the Green Cross Code is included with this newsletter for your reference.
- There is a lot of lost property and Mrs Llewellyn will be attempting to return it to the owners next week. Please remind the children.
- Keep the dates: Sports day provisionally Friday 23rd June 2023 all day – fun games in the morning and competitive races/field event in the afternoon and picnic lunch. We want to start the Summer BBQ again this year with stalls (enterprise projects) and displays/demonstrations. We are hoping for Friday 9th June 2023 - 5pm to 7pm. These dates will be confirmed early next term.
- A few reminders:
  - 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. Thank you to everyone that has paid. The children will need to bring their wellies or separate pair of shoes/boots in a bag as well as warm clothing, spare socks and a packed lunch.
  - Wednesday 29th March 2023: Class ER's assembly. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come along to watch at 2.45 to 3.15pm in the school hall. Please enter school via reception.
  - 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. There are still a few places available. If you have signed up to this club, please bring your reading or library book with you.
  - Friday 31st March 2023: Deadline for receipt of the next instalment of £100 for both the Yr5 and Yr6 Residential visits. Payment can be made online via Scopay. Thank you to everyone that has paid.
  - Friday 31st March 2023: We break up for the Easter holidays at 3.25pm.
  - Monday 17th April 2023: We return to school.

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- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target.

W/B. 20th March 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
MC	99.3%
LA	98.0%
NB	96.8%
EA	96.2%
AB	95.5%
DB	94.7%
ER	94.3%
CJ	94.1%
MP	91.7%
KT	90.9%
YK	90.2%
SD	90.0%
EW	89.2%

- Congratulations to Oscar Mellish (Yr3) and Megan Field (Yr4). They were judged by the FOG committee to have made the best Red Nose Day t-shirts and hence have won £10 Amazon gift cards. They were presented today during the assembly.
- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate in assembly today.
  - Class AB
  - Class LA
  - Class MP
  - Erin Shepherd ER
  - Jamie Watts ER
  - Oliver Hall EA
  - Darcy Harris EA
  - Tilly Pritchard-Gairns MC
  - Tom Barfoot MC
  - Ivy Chadwick SD
  - Mia Blair-Morgan SD
  - Robin Glass EW
  - Sara Wakil EW
  - Leela Hoare NB
  - Sophie Jones NB
  - Ruby Luffman YK
  - Luke Miller YK
  - Bethany Beaumont CJ
  - Freddie Kear CJ
  - Kai Rigden KT
  - Roman Panter KT

Best wishes

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