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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 12th January, 2018

Dear Parents,

Bikeability Training

Years 3 and 4 children will be taking part in Level 1 Bikeability training on Friday 19th January. Children need, in addition to their bikes, waterproof clothing as the training will go ahead whatever the weather.

National Child Measurement Programme

The school nursing service will be here on Thursday 18th January to measure Reception and Year 6 children's height and weight, unless parents have indicated that they do not want their children to be included.

PE Kit

We have noticed several problems with PE kit:

1. Some children do not have it in school for the lessons, preventing them from taking a full part in the PE curriculum. We have a very skilled PE coach and PE is part of what children should be studying at school. Please ensure your child has his/her kit available for all PE lessons.
2. PE kit suitability: we like to see PE kit in the house colours and you can purchase the tops through the school office. We also think that kit should cover up the children properly and be suitable for the colder weather. PE lessons are not a fashion parade.

Thank you.

School Uniform

It is the policy of this academy that children should wear proper school uniform. Please support our drive to raise standards by ensuring your child has the full uniform. I believe that children who look smart are more likely to act smart as well!

Please note the following important dates

- **Meeting for parents of children in Year 2** (Swans) regarding SATs: Thursday 18th January at 3.30 p.m. in Year 2 classroom. Crèche provided in Reception class (Robins). This is an important meeting to talk about the assessment process this year and how to support your child to do his/her best.
- **Parent Forum meeting** Monday 5th February at 3.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for all interested parents to discuss matters of interest about the school. We look forward to seeing you there. A crèche will be offered.

Rocksteady music school

There are still several places available on Wednesday mornings. Call 0845 094 1259 if you are interested for your child to learn drums, guitar or keyboards.

Swimming

Year 3 and 4 will be swimming this term commencing on **Thursday 18th January**. Please ensure children have their swimming kit in school on Thursdays. Thank you.

Christian Values

Next week in our worship we will be thinking about persistence and working hard to achieve in life. On Tuesday worship will be led by Sally Beadle from the Crowns Trust.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 1(Owls) with 95.67%. Well done!! Overall attendance continues to be disappointing and we have now dropped below our target. Whilst a certain amount of sickness is inevitable at this time of year, holidays are not. We will pursue penalty notices when unauthorised holidays are taken.

Class		Attendance
Robins	Reception	92.67%
Owls	Year 1	95.67%
Swans	Year 2	94.83%
Magpies	Year 3	94.64%
Kestrels	Year 4	89.47%
Kingfishers	Year 5	90.94%
Eagles	Year 6	87.67%

Achievement awards:

Good to be green: Samuel Grigaliunas, Amelia Bowers, Noah Greer, Alfie Jones, Oscar Miller, Lily-Ella Warden, Kala Cicek, Grantas Samuilis, Lilley-May Roberts, Liam Mitcham and Ryan Hunter. Well done.

Learning awards: Sienna Carman, Fifi Plunkett, Casey Alpin, Ashley Barron, Lacey Fitt and Ben Flowers. Well done.

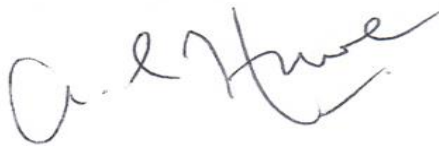
Lunchtime awards: Liam Mitcham, Kelly-Marie Smith, Addison Williams and Alissia Millar. Well done.

Lexia awards: Aaron Tegerdine, Jenson Chapman, Swayley Smith, Annie Gooch, Tye Bryant-Hammond, Ellie-May Mitcham and Nikita Bowers. Well done!

Dates for the diary

- We break up for half term on Friday 9th February and return to school on Monday 19th February. The spring term ends on Thursday 29th March and the summer term begins on Monday 16th April.
- The Spring Term consultation evenings will take place on 21st and 22nd March.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher