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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 24th February, 2017

Dear Parents,

Fair Trade Coffee Afternoon and Art Exhibition: Thursday 2nd March at 1.30 p.m.

All parents are invited to this event. More information about the products that Year 6 are making will be available on Monday. We are raising funds for Fair Trade to support food producers abroad and companies that do the right thing by farmers. In addition to coffee and cakes, and the art show, there will also be a tombola – many thanks to parents who have supported this so far – please can we have some more prizes.

World Book Day: Friday 3rd March

Our celebration of World Book day takes place on Friday 3rd March. We have the actor Anthony Pedley coming to give us a "Taste of Dahl" and to perform "The BFG". This should be very exciting. We are asking children to dress up, as in previous years. If you have already made arrangements for a costume that is not "Dahl-related" then that is fine. If not then it would be good if the children could come as characters from a Roald Dahl book, such as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" or "James and Giant Peach".



Grafham Water residential visit

This takes place for children in Years 5 and 6 on 3rd – 5th July and is always a great experience. Due to some children dropping out we now have two spaces available – please let us know if you are interested by contacting the school office as soon as possible.

Picking up your children after clubs

I am concerned that when parents come to pick up their children after clubs the overcrowding at the front entrance and car park is making it unsafe for children. **From Monday 27th February all staff running clubs will release children to parents from the playground. All parents picking up after clubs should go to the playground.** Please do not park in the front car park at this time. There is some parking space outside the Elm Centre and in the staff car park available at this time and closer to the playground.

We continue to have a number of children whose parents put their names down for clubs and then do not attend. Where children do not attend for three weeks in a row we will take them off the list and offer their place to someone else.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 2 again with 100%. Well done! Overall attendance last week was 97.1%, which shows improvement! Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	97.7%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	92.7%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	97.4%

Achievement awards

a) *Good to be green*

These children stayed on green all week: Harley Lunn, Sofia Springham, Joshua Ruff, Kian Amey, Oliver Reader, Grace Clarke, Eamonn Smith, Summer Cox, Theo Newell, Lacey Whitehead, Shelby Gathercole, Liam Mitcham, Ben Petchell and Steven-Lee Upton. Well done!

b) *Learning awards*

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons to Alissia Millar, Swayley Smith, Mason Hills, Joshua Jones, Harry Balding, Ella-May Watson and Nathaniel Baines. Well done!

c) *Pen licences*

Well done to Liam Mitcham and Slava Perunovs for improving their handwriting.

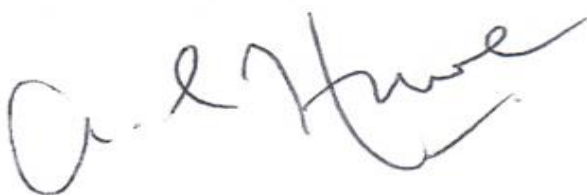
School uniform

We do expect children to wear school uniform. We think that if they look smart they may actually act smart! The uniform shop is open after school on Thursdays from the school office.

Dates for the diary

- We break up for Easter on Friday 31st March and return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2017.
- Wednesday 8th March – Friday 10th March – interviews for parents of pupils on the SEN register – you should receive an invitation letter.
- Group photographs: Friday 10th March.
- Friday 17th March Science day and also visit from our local MP – Stephen Barclay.
- Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March – parent consultation.
- Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 28th March at 10 a.m. Easter Service at All Saints Church.
- Easter concerts for Years 3, 4 and 5 on Tuesday 28th March (afternoon) and Wednesday 29th March (6 p.m.).
- We have a training day scheduled for Monday 26th June 2017. This is the last one of the year.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher