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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 10th March, 2017

Dear Parents,

Lent Challenge: Water Aid

Next week we are asking the children to think about the need for clean water and sanitation across the world. We will be fund raising for **Water Aid UK** which provides for clean water in many faraway places. This is the next Lent Challenge. On Friday 17th March we are asking children to come to school in their normal blue sweatshirts, but they can also wear something else blue, such as jeans or a blue hat or scarf. We are asking for a £1 for this cause if the children take part. We are also asking the children to bring in an empty used water bottle and they will be designing a label for this to support our fund raising. The School Council will lead the assembly on Monday to introduce this latest challenge.

Refugee Challenge – famous refugees

Our winners were Lanalilly Stickwood (Anne Frank), Summer Cox (Judith Kerr) and Wanessa Bulwa (Melody Hossaini). Well done.

SATs: Y6 Parent Meeting 20th March.

SATs week will soon be upon us. It takes place from Monday 8th May. In order to brief Year 6 parents about the process we have meetings scheduled on Monday 20th March at 3.15 p.m. and 6 p.m. This is an important opportunity to find out what is involved so that you can support your child. We look forward to seeing all Year 6 parents then.

Reading with your child

There is no more important learning activity than reading. All learning benefits from practice at home and at school. Can I please urge parents to read with their children, discuss the books that children bring home and record these activities in the child's reading record, so we can see how things are going. Thank you.

Years 5 and 6 visit to Coldham Wind Farm



Year 6 pupils visiting the wind farm to find out all about green energy production. A very enjoyable visit that links with science and English work in class.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 3 with 97.5%. Well done! Overall attendance last week was 93.9%, which is terribly disappointing. **In the last week or so we have had a number of interesting visits and experiences in school – the curriculum here is increasingly rich and stimulating. But if children are not here they cannot be experiencing that and their learning will suffer.** Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	91.4%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	91.1%

Achievement awards

a) *Good to be green*

These children stayed on green all week: Reggie Hills, Sahara Rose, Riley Burton, Lanalilly Stickwood, Lexi Warden, Archie Summers, Phoebe Axten-Mattingley, Lily Raven, Vanessa Bulwa, Jack Hircock, Bethany Hancock, Oliver Rayner, Oscar Drew and Nell Hanlon. Well done!

b) *Learning awards*

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons to: Olivia Hunt, Philip Harrington, Ashton Busby, Alexis Loveridge, McKenzie Watson, Okan Arslan and Alzy Williams. Well done!

c) **Lunchtime awards:** Swayley Smith, Lewis Hunt, Alfie Jones and Kyan Griffiths.

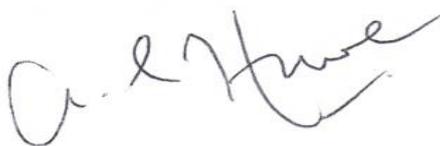
d) **Lexia certificates:** Tyler Barnes, Roman Lovell, Kay Phoenix, Lily Raven and Lana-Mai Smith. Well done.

e) **Pen licences:** Well done to Tyla-Lee Collis and Emily Tegerdine for improving their handwriting.

Dates for the diary

- We break up for Easter on Friday 31st March and return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2017.
- Friday 17th March: Science day and Water Aid day.
- 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 Years 3, 4 & 5: Tuesday 28th March (afternoon) and Wednesday 29th March (6 p.m.).
- Our MP Stephen Barclay is now visiting on Friday 28th April – he is a busy man and has had to rearrange. We look forward to meeting him then.
- We have a training day scheduled for Monday 26th June 2017. This is the last one of the year.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher