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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 21st April, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

As we start the last term of the year, I am pleased to say the school continues to improve – teaching and learning are unquestionably of a better standard. The school curriculum is busy and interesting. Children are more focused on their work and try hard in most cases. All this is because of the hard work and dedication of your children's teachers and support staff. We ask for your support over the coming term with:

- **School uniform** – I believe smart children are more likely to be smart!!
- **Attendance** – every day lost interrupts your child's learning. Particularly at a time when important assessments are happening (e.g. Year 6 SATs from 8th May), it is essential children are in school unless genuinely ill.
- **Homework** – we were bowled over with the quality of the Easter homework we set – thank you to parents who supported that and the other topic homework. Please read with your child, encourage them to complete homework tasks (e.g. reading comprehension activities and maths facts), and if you cannot help them, please send them to Homework Club.
- **Expectations** – there is no reason why most of our children should not do really well at school and go on to higher education and success. They have ability. Please encourage and support your children to do their very best at school and set them ambitious goals – they can do it!

This term we are expecting a **Church Schools inspection**. We hope to do well and we will be asking for parent help with this – would you be prepared to talk to an inspector about our Christian distinctiveness when the time comes – please let us know.

This term we are also finally expecting to become an academy – 1st June is the date currently planned. This has been a frustrating process, but I think we are nearly there – more information to follow.

Key Stage 1 SATs: Year 2 parents

We have a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May at 2.30 p.m. to tell you all about the national assessments that take place at the end of Year 2. Please come along and hear how you can support your child and help them do their best in reading, maths and writing at this important time.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 2 with 99.6%. Brilliant! Overall attendance last week was 98.1%, which is very pleasing – a good start to the term. Please note that in the light of the recent ruling in the Isle of Wight Supreme Court case Cambridgeshire have issued the following statement:

UNAUTHORISED TERM TIME LEAVE (includes holiday): any parent who takes a child out of school for term time leave of more than 6 consecutive sessions over a 4 week period, not authorised by the school (under exceptional circumstances rule), may receive a Penalty Notice. Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	99.2%
Year 6	96.3%

Achievement awards

a) Good to be green

These children stayed on green all week: Ethan Smith (YR), Cari Myles, Kyan Griffiths, Teja Bucmyte, Annie Gooch, Maya Smith, Madison Loubser, Madisyn Edwards, Grantas Samuilis, Jack Whitby, Lexi Fitt, Thien Clare, Olly Pope and Harrison Chenery. Well done!

b) Learning awards

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons to: Amelia Bowers, Jake Ford, Rosie Nichols, Ella Lines, Oscar Rolfe, Annabelle Loates and George Exell. Well done!

c) Lunchtime awards: Harry Balding, Cari Myles, Ebony Whitehead and Deacon Barnes. Well done!

d) Lexia certificates: Maya Smith. Well done!

Clubs

Clubs start next week, from 24th April. However, please note there will be no football club until Monday 8th May. Staff have asked me to remind parents to pick up children on time after clubs. I would also like to remind you to pick up from the playground.

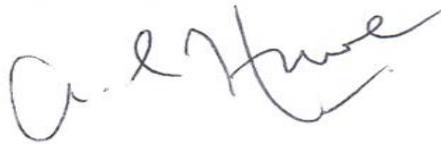
Collective worship theme next week

We are thinking about the story of Doubting Thomas and asking the children who they can/should believe. We also note that on Sunday it is St. George's day and also Shakespeare's birthday. Our Union Jack will be flying!

Dates for the diary

- Our MP Stephen Barclay is visiting on Friday 28th April. We look forward to meeting him then.
- Monday 1st May – May Day bank Holiday.
- We have a training day scheduled for Monday 26th June 2017. This is the last one of the year.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher