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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 28th April, 2017

Dear Parents,

Key Stage 2 SATs – Year 6

Just a reminder that these important tests are happening for Year 6 in the week beginning Monday 8th May. There are tests every day apart from the Friday when some fun activities are being organised. It is vital that children attend throughout the week so they can show how much they have learned! I know they will make us all proud!

School dinner problems and changes

Once again, I must apologise for the variations to the school meal service this week. The electrical problems have been beyond our control. I must thank Mrs Rayner for feeding the children in very difficult circumstances. We are having a new school fuse box fitted over the Bank Holiday weekend and we expect that will sort out the problem. Due to the Bank Holiday and the problems we have had, next week's menu will be:

Tuesday: Jacket Potato day

Wednesday: Beefburgers/vegetarian Beefburgers.

Thursday: normal menu

Friday: normal menu

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.

Jaiden Page: Great East Anglian Run

Jaiden (Year 1) and his mum have written to me to say that he is taking part in the Great East Anglian Run (Mini GEAR) on Sunday 30th April. He is raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. This is his first race and I know he wants to carry on running and fundraising, so we are very pleased to support him and we would encourage you to do so too! There will be a paper sponsor form in the office and here is the Just Giving website where you can also donate straight to this wonderful charity.

<http://www.justgiving.com/Paula-Page4>

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 2 with 99%. Brilliant! Overall attendance last week was 96.7%, which is respectable.. 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	98.7%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	95.2%

Achievement awards

a) *Good to be green*

These children stayed on green all week: Eden-Lily Summers, Jacob Wilshire, Casey Alpin, Molly Whitby, Tilly Judge, Kay Phoenix, Emily Tegerdine, Nathaniel Baines, Keira Blackford-Frost, Alfie Nichols, Emi Plunkett, Amy Barrett and Jack Layn. Well done!

b) *Learning awards*

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons to: Ela Whitby, Sahara Rose, Ellie-Mai Russell, Daisy Rayner, Roman Lovell, Maddison Doughty, McKenzie Burton and Livvy Rolfe. Well done!

c) *Lunchtime awards*: Alexis Loveridge, Keiran Walton, Lacey Whitehead and Jaiden Page. Well done!

d) *Lexia certificates*: Grace Clarke. Well done!

Trinity Easter Homework



We had so many wonderful, imaginative responses to our homework project this Easter. So many clever ideas to portray the father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thank you to parents and children who took part.

Traffic calming and children's safety in Elm

Many of you will be aware that the school and the Parish Council have been working hard behind the scenes with Cambridgeshire Highways to get the scheme which we had originally had agreed as a small highways project to completion. We are hoping to see the installation of a number of speed cushions and other related measures in the village to slow drivers down and improve pedestrian safety, particularly with our children in mind. Following consultation one objection has been received and that has to be dealt with. There have also been some budget problems which may reduce the scope of the project. Nevertheless, we are nearing our goal! I can only apologise for the slow progress.

Collective worship theme next week

We are thinking about prayer next week and growing a prayer tree. Our Christian values this term are Humility, Peace and Endurance.

Dates for the diary

- 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. E. Huse'.

Headteacher