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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 26th May, 2017

Dear Parents,

Endless Love – our visit to Ely Cathedral

I was very proud to be with the children of Year 5 who performed our song “Endless Love” on Wednesday. The song will appear on Youtube, sometime after half term. I will send more details when I have them. Many thanks to Mrs Thurgood and Ms Carver for their support with this project.



Christian Aid fund raising

Thank you once again for the generous support you gave towards our Christian Aid refugee appeal. The children enjoyed turning your loose change into pictures in the hall. The SIAMs inspector was most impressed by all the fundraising that takes place at Elm! We have managed to count all the loose change now and I can tell you that we raised £125.18 from the coins that everyone brought in. This will go to support refugee relief in Syria.

SIAMs Inspection

We had our visit from an inspector on Thursday to check on our Christian Distinctiveness, our Collective Worship and our RE. I cannot tell parents the outcome yet – we expect the formal report in the second week after half term. However, we found the experience very helpful and I believe the school demonstrated its improvement as a church school. Very many thanks to the group of parents who spoke to the inspector.

School meals

Lunchtime Company will be looking for a Kitchen Assistant to work in the school kitchen from 19th June 2017 (12 ½ hrs per week). If anyone is interested please let the school office know and we will pass the information onto Lunchtime.

Menu changes for week commencing Monday 5th June

Wednesday's menu will be served on Monday, and Monday's menu on Wednesday.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 1, with 96.9%. Overall attendance last week was 94.5%, which is poor! 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	96.3%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	90.6%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	91.1%

Why attendance matters

The school is trying to raise standards. More of our children need to be reaching the national expectations in reading, writing and mathematics. This cannot happen unless children are here every day. Missed lessons mean important skills are not learned. Over the next few weeks as we approach the final assessments of the year, it is vital that children are in school and learning every day. Thank you.

Achievement awards

a) Good to be green

These children stayed on green all week: Jakob Peeling, Fifi Plunkett, George Hircocock, Philip Harrington, Summer Gosling, Kala Cicek, Joseph-Lee Warner, Jack Judge, Ben Flowers, Cody Asker-Browne, Jenna Lilley and Emily Narramore. Well done!

b) Learning awards

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons to: Ethan Smith, Jaiden Paige, April Cranstone, Jack Ruff and Olly Pope. Well done! Mrs Foster tells me she has not singled anyone out this week because they have all done so well with their tests!

c) Lunchtime awards: Phoebe Smith, Sophia Maycroft, Madison Loubser and Ellen Reynolds. Well done.

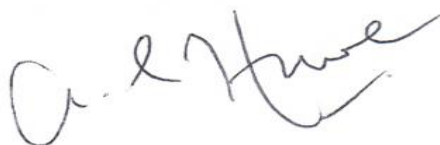
Collective worship theme after half term next week: Pentecost.

We are thinking about Pentecost after half term. On Thursday this week we celebrated Ascension Day and so Pentecost is on 4th June. Our big question is **How did the Christian church begin?**

Dates for the diary

- We have a training day scheduled for Monday 26th June 2017. This is the last one of the year.
- Friday 26th May – break up for half term holiday. Return to school Monday 5th June.
- Friday 16th June – Village Fair after school.
- Wednesday 21st June – Sports Day. Refreshments provided by ESA (reserve date 28th June).
- Wednesday 19th July – end of year disco run by ESA.
- End of term Friday 21st July.
- Start of autumn term 2017: Tuesday 5th September 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher