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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 16th June, 2017

Dear Parents,

Sports day

Sports day is planned for Wednesday 21st June. Key Stage 2 children will be competing in the morning from 9.30 – 11.45 a.m. Each child will have the chance to take part in five races. Key Stage 1 and Reception will be competing in the afternoon, starting at 1.15 p.m. and concluding just before the end of school. The younger children will have a circuit of sporting activities to take part in and then 3 races at the end of the event. Mr Luke Weston is co-ordinating the day again – it was very successful last year and I am sure parents will enjoy it, weather permitting, once again. Wednesday 28th June is our reserve day if the conditions are poor. It is helpful if your child can wear their house colour. If it is sunny, then a hat, suncream and a water bottle would also be sensible. The Elm School Association is kindly providing the refreshments. We look forward to greeting lots of supportive parents on the day.

Village Fair

We are looking forward to hosting the fair today after school. Please help us raise funds for the school and church by coming along and supporting us. It promises to be a lot of fun, with bouncy castles, barbecue and all the fun of the fair! Come and support your village community!!

I have been asked by members of the fete committee to explain that we have switched the fete to the Friday evening to ensure we have enough support, mainly from school staff, to actually run the event. Last year we were desperately short of help, despite numerous appeals to the whole community. We consulted with the community through Facebook, but there was very little response. Active support for the fete has been declining over the years and we decided to do something different which we hoped would still be an enjoyable social event and would also raise a similar amount of money for the church and school. If members of the community want to see a return to a Saturday fete in future they are going to have to convince the committee that they will come out and actually help to run the event.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 5, with 98.7%. Overall attendance last week was 95.1%, which is slightly better than last week but still below expectations.

I am aware of several parents taking unauthorised holidays . We will be checking all non-attendance closely and referring some cases to the EWO for penalty notices. Next week is our assessment week for the summer term and we need full attendance so that teachers can administer tests and check on pupil progress. Thank you.

Please note we have some cases of persistent lateness - this interrupts the start of lessons and means that some children miss important teaching. Please ensure your child is in school on time!

Please note 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 and particularly not when other unauthorised absence has already been taken.

Class	Percentage attendance this week
Reception	93%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	91.3%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	90%

Dinner money

The office has asked me to request payment for lunches at the start of the week. We are having to pursue debts in a number of cases which should be unnecessary. Thank you.

Wisbech Museum

The school has worked on a number of occasions with Wisbech Museum, which is a very good resources for education and the community. Sadly it is under threat of closure due to funding cuts. They have sent us a letter, part of which I reproduce here for your interest and so that parents can show their support and help to keep the museum open:

“Will you help Wisbech and Fenland Museum? The museum is in a period of change and is looking at how it could develop and improve in the future. We want to hear your views about Wisbech and the museum, so that any changes to the museum meet your needs better. All you need to do is spend about 5 minutes completing our short online survey. One lucky person will win £25 High Street Vouchers just by taking part. Please click on the link below

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Wisbechsocial/>

Thank you.”

Achievement awards

All awards and house points have been held over this week as there is no Achievement Worship on Friday, today.

Collective worship theme next week: Respect.

We are thinking about respect next week as an important theme. The Bible passage we will be reading is about Naaman the Leper and how he was cured by the prophet Elishah having listened to his servant and eventually to the prophet. **Our big question will be why should we listen to others?**

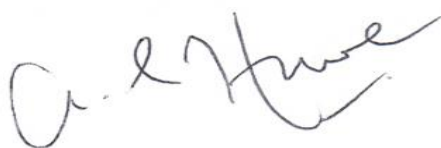
Grafham Water trip parent meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of children going to Grafham water, on Monday 19th June at 3.30 p.m.

Dates for the diary

- We have a training day scheduled for Monday 26th June 2017. This is the last one of the year.
- Wednesday 19th July – end of year disco run by ESA.
- Year 6 performances Monday 17th July.
- Leavers' Church Service Tuesday 18th July at 10 a.m.
- End of term Friday 21st July. Leavers' assembly 9.15 a.m.
- Start of autumn term 2017: Tuesday 5th September 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher