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Friday 21st October, 2016

Dear Parents,

Alice in Wonderland

We were very fortunate today in being able to enjoy a top class theatre production in school. M and M theatrical productions visited us and performed Alice in Wonderland. They really brought this children's classic to life. This was very generous of them – there was no charge as they happened to be in the area.



Maths café

Following the success of our Reading Café, we are trying something similar for maths on Friday 11th November. Parents are invited into class as follows to work with their children on a variety of exciting and practical maths activities:

- 9 – 9.45 a.m. Years 6, 1 and 2
- 9.45 – 10.30 a.m. Years 4 and 5
- 10.45 – 11.30 a.m. Reception and Year 3

On this occasion we will serve tea and cake in the hall but this will be an opportunity to look at resources, find out about what we are doing in maths, meet the Tackling Tables people, etc. Children will stay in class. You will also be free to visit other classes where the maths activities are happening.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Reception with 98.7%. Well done Mr Holt's class!! Overall attendance last week was 97.1% – thank you. Over the half term attendance has been 96.9% which is a little better than our target. I hope we can keep it up. Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.7%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	97.9%

Bring a coat to school

Now the weather is turning colder and wetter can we please ask that children bring a coat to school so that they can continue to play outside at break times.

Parent Governor Elections

A letter will go out on 1st November to ask for parents to come forward to become governors. As the school moves into academy status, and given the low standards which we are trying to improve, the governing body needs enthusiastic parents who will help us move forwards. I hope we will see a number of parents ready to give up a little time in the interests of our children.

Menu change

On Friday 4th November we have a special Bonfire Night menu for lunch – this will not be the usual Friday fish and chips.

Achievement awards

a) Good to be green

Ela Whitby, Kacper Bulwa, Alfie Jones, Casey Alpin, Tilly Judge, Lexi Warden, Peter Full, Miley-Marie Horne, Jake Gibson, McKenzie Watson, Max Layn, Shelby Gathercole, Ethan Smith and Jimmy Dixon. Well done!

b) Learning awards

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons this week to: Sofia Springham, Mason Barnes, Oliver Reader, Macey Barnes, Tiffany Clark, Oliver Rayner and Jay McMullen. Well done!

c) Lexia awards

McKenzie Watson, Kelly-Marie Smith, Tyler Barnes, Kay Phoenix, Peter Full, Kieran Wakefield and Grantas Samuilis. Well done.

d) Lunchtime awards

These children have been chosen by the MDA staff as being very helpful and well-behaved at lunchtimes: Lexi Warden, Chloe Wriight, Tommy Fitt and Jakob Peeling.

Parking problem

We are continuing to find that parents park dangerously. This picture was taken by our PCSO just outside the school on a yellow line. Please consider everyone's safety when you are parking. Thank you.



Dates for the diary

- The half term holiday starts on Monday 24th October and we have a staff training day on Monday 31st October, so children come back to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. E. Hume'.

Headteacher