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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

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Dear Parents,

Maths Café (Thursday 16th November)

Well I think we had a brilliant morning. Children and parents seemed to really enjoy the maths activities in class and the information provided by Ms Atkins and the Tackling Tables team. I would remind parents how important tables are, particularly from Year 2 upwards. The Tackling Tables resources can be purchased through the school office at a discounted price of £7.50. The card games are a great way to practise these important skills. Many thanks to Ms. Atkins and all the staff who organised things and to the many parent volunteers who provided the refreshments.



Parents and children hard at work in the Maths café event in Swans (Y2) and Kestrels (Y4).

Parent Forum

We held a **Parent Forum** meeting on Wednesday at 5 p.m. A good discussion was had and the notes from the meeting are being circulated separately. Thank you to the parents who came along.

Children in Need: our spotacular day for Pudsey Bear!

Thank you for your support with this great charity event. The children all responded very well and we raised £98.95. The staff also raised a separate amount of £80 – through a bit of a bake off! Thank you to Miss Cropley. Great effort!

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 4 (Kestrels) with 99.69%. Really well done!! Overall attendance last week was 96.28%, which is on target! Thank you! Regular attendance supports your child's learning!

Class		Attendance
Robins	Reception	87.33%
Owls	Year 1	99%
Swans	Year 2	96.67%
Magpies	Year 3	98.57%
Kestrels	Year 4	99.69%
Kingfishers	Year 5	95.63%
Eagles	Year 6	97.04%

Achievement awards

- a) **Good to be Green!** This week these children showed particularly great behaviour: All of Year 3 (Magpies) following excellent behaviour on the visit to Peterborough on Wednesday! Jacob Cubberley, Sophia Smithee, Cari Myles, Kacper Bulwa, Maddie Axten-Mattingley, Rafael Melendez-Hammond, Phoebe Axten-Mattingley, Brooke Richmond, Lilley-May Roberts, Fletcher Wilson and Annabelle Loates. Well done!
- b) **Learning awards:** Daisy Burton, Ella Woodbridge, Ocar Miller, Rosie Nichols, Peter Full, Verity Baines, Dannielle Martin and Kasey O’Gorman. Well done!
- c) **Lunchtime awards:** Daisy Burton, Kai Bennett, Tiffany Clarke and Jenson Chapman. Well done.
- d) **Lexia certificates:** Casey Alpin, Ela Whitby, Aaron Tegerdine, Jake Ford, Nikita Bowers and Ellie-May Mitcham. Well done.
- e) **Frog Class:** best behaviour this week was in Magpies (Y3). Well done!

Photographs

The children all looked very smart for the photos today! We are on a tight turn around if parents want pictures before Christmas. Order forms are going home today. **Orders must be returned by 23rd November** to have any chance of getting the pictures back before Christmas. Mrs Jellis will send the orders off on Friday 24th November.

Collective worship

Next week we have the local Speedwatch Team in assembly on Monday along with our PCSO. We will be pushing a strong road safety message and there will be a competition following on to design a poster to appeal to drivers to slow down. I will write separately about that. We will also be thinking about the theme “do we make the most of our talents?” We will be using the parable of the talents to support this.

Trainer Day

Next Friday the Friends of Elm/ESA are organising a “wear your trainers to school day”. For 50p towards resources for school, children can come in their sporty footwear!

Christmas Fair – tombola collection day

On Friday 1st December we are holding a non-uniform day for the children provided they bring in either an item for the Christmas Fair Tombola or something chocolate also for a special chocolate stall at the Christmas fair. Please help us to make this important event successful.

Dates for the diary

- Christmas Tree service in school on Friday 1st December. No Achievement Worship on that day. Parents from Year 6 (Eagles) and Reception (Robins) are welcome. The oldest boy and the youngest girl will be switching on the tree lights.
- Parent Consultation – Wednesday 6th December and Thursday 7th December. A further letter will follow. We will also do our SEN discussions at that time (more time will be given).
- Christmas Fair – 3.30 p.m. on Monday 11th December.
- Christmas Service at All Saints Church – 10 a.m. on Tuesday 12th December.
- Our Christmas performances from Robins, Owls and Swans classes will be on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December at 2 p.m. in the afternoon. The nativity play is called “A miracle in town”.
- Christmas Jumper day Friday 15th December – raising funds for Save the Children Fund.
- We break up for Christmas on Friday 15th December.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher