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Friday 20th May, 2016

Dear Parents,

Christian Aid Week

This week we have been thinking about the plight of those in Bangladesh whose homes and livelihoods are subject to terrible flooding. Christian Aid is a worldwide charity which supports international attempts by the Christian community to alleviate poverty. This week the children brought in their old toys and we organised a second hand sale which raised £135.15. What a wonderful effort – thank you to parents; but an especial well done to our children who did the fund raising themselves!

Maths competition

On Wednesday some of our Year 5 children attended a maths challenge at Orchards Primary School. I am pleased and proud to say that they were a credit to the school and came a very reasonable 4th place. Well done to Jenna Lilley, Ben Petchell, Harrison Rae and Harrison Chenery and many thanks to Miss Beresford who took the team.

Dodgeball competition – British Heart Foundation

On Tuesday Years 1 – 6 (not Reception) will take part in a sponsored dodgeball competition to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Your contributions are gratefully accepted for this very worthy cause. A separate letter and sponsor form have already gone home for your use.

School attendance

Well done to Year 2 this week! Best attendance with 98.7%. Overall we managed 95.6%, which is disappointing. As we are doing SATs and a period of assessment at the moment, please ensure your child is in school every day. I will not be authorising absence, except in the case of genuine illness, particularly in Years 2 and 6 at this important time.

Class	Attendance
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	93.4%

Achievement awards

a) **Good to be green**

The following children received achievement certificates: Rio Lloyd, Jaiden Page, Kala Cicek, Morgan Price, Maisy Reed, Macey Barnes, Grantas Samuilis, Joseph-Lee Warner, Libby Myles, Ben Flowers, Gracie-Lee Reed, Samuel Bowers, Alfie Plunkett and Sienna Smith. Well done!

b) **Lunchtime awards**

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Sophia Maycroft, Archie Summers, Anna Johnson and Tyler Barnes. Well done!

c) Maths awards

We awarded certificates for progress in maths this week to: Abbigail Myles, Archie Summers, Miley Horne, Lacey Fitt, Emi Plunkett and Ellie Clark. Well done.

d) Writing awards

Certificates for progress in writing go this week to: Kyan Griffiths, Annie Gooch, Kieran Wakefield, Harry Exell, Annabelle Loates, Tristan Back and Riley Gathercole. Well done!

e) Lexia certificates

This week these children improved their reading skills using the Lexia programme: Lily Raven, Kieran Wakefield and Madison Loubser. Well done!

Sports day 16th June, 2016

Our sports coach Mr Weston is organising the sports days this year.

We decided that we would try and ensure the children are challenged and really active this year. Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will take part in their events in the morning from 9.30 a.m. There will be 12 activities organised on a round robin basis, followed by sprints and one other race. Children will be competing for house points.

In the afternoon we will run 5 competitive races for each Key Stage 2 child plus the usual mums and dads races, etc. The children will be competing for the McInally Cup.

I appreciate that some parents will want to attend both events because they have children in both Key Stages and may not be able to do so due to work commitments. My apologies for that. Our intention was to try and make the events more active and engaging and competitive for the children.

Art competition

On Thursday 26th May we will be holding an exhibition of the children's art work at 2 p.m. in the afternoon to which parents will be invited. Over the next few weeks we will be working on a variety of art themes in class and running a competition for the best art work as well.

Dates for the diary

- SATs tests are taking place in Year 2 over the next two weeks. Once again good attendance is essential.
- We will hold an open afternoon on Monday 18th July from 2.30 p.m. More information to follow.
- Half term will be Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June. Term ends on Thursday 21st July.
- We have a training day planned for Monday 20th June. School will be closed.
- **Next term (2016/17) we have two training days planned for the beginning of the year. Term will begin for children in Years 1 – 6 on Monday 5th September, 2016.**

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher