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HEADTEACHER NEWS:

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support with the morning drop off arrangements. It has been really pleasing to see how well the children have adjusted and how proud the younger children are at bringing themselves in to school. So well done to all involved. The teaching staff have reported how calm the children are when coming in, particularly the older children. We have been exceptionally pleased with how the children have settled, especially our new Pre-School and Reception children.

Student Leadership:

It is that time of year where our new Year 6 pupils have been putting themselves forward for positions of responsibility. Developing pupils' ability to lead and student leadership is something we aim to nurture and develop as pupils' progress through the school. This year alongside the traditional roles of House and Sports captains we have created a number of new student leadership roles including:

- Junior Leadership Team – to work with Mrs Best and SLT on monitoring the progress of the school development plan.
- Peer Mentors – to work with Mrs Garner offering pastoral support and mentoring to younger pupils across the school.

Most excitingly we have created the opportunity for a Head Boy and Head Girl – the children have been asked to write a letter of application to Mrs Best explaining why they would like to fulfil this position. The pupils will then be interviewed on Wednesday and they will then give a presentation to whole school in collective worship on Friday. We will then be holding a ballot where all pupils within the school will elect the Head Boy and Head Girl. The Head Boy and Girl will then be announced on Monday 25th September.

Pre-school:

Last week we welcomed the first children in our pre-school, they have really enjoyed exploring the new setting. It has been a pleasure watching their smiling faces enjoying their new surroundings. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated items to the pre-school.

Harvest Festival:

This year we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Monday 25th September, we will be asking for donations to the One Can Trust. The trust are looking for "Harvest Heroes" alongside collecting donations of tins and other dried items, they are also asking for donations of money to help with their running cost, please see the link to their websites.

<http://onecantrust.org.uk/harvest/>

Values:

We have decided to review how we introduce the values to the children through collective worship. So, instead of focusing on a value for the whole term we will be rotating them weekly, which will mean that the pupils will learn about each value every half term. This week, we have been looking at the value of love.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

Uniform Collection:

Kevin from Ultimate Incentives has a huge amount of uniform that has not yet been collected from the playground. He is going to be contacting parents to remind them. If you know you have any outstanding uniform items, please can you ensure that you collect them either from the shop or playground next week.

Clubs:

Club will be commencing this week; some parents have asked how they know if their child has a place. The answer is simple as all enrolment limits have been set and once the clubs are full you will no longer be able to book. We have included a nominal charge of £1 for registration to the club, which is less than 10p per session and is to cover the administration costs.

Thank you:

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for kindly agreeing to purchase the recorders for our Year 2 children.

Enrichment fund:

We would like to inform parents that after consideration and taking on board the feedback we received we are going to use the enrichment fund to pay for the Year 2 recorder lessons and therefore there will be no need for parents to contribute. However, parents may wish to contribute to the enrichment fund instead.

The fund has been set up to provide enrichment activities for pupils and we believe that this does fulfil that brief. All pupils this year will benefit from the enrichment fund and we look forward to sharing with you the activities we have planned very shortly.

Homework working group:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the homework questionnaire at the end of last term. The results have given us a clear view of parents' opinions and I will be discussing them with the homework working party. A number of parents have already emailed to say that they would like to join our homework working party but for those who haven't yet registered an interest, it's not too late, we are meeting on Tuesday 19th September. We have arranged 2 times to allow as many people to attend as possible. The times are 9:00 and 2:30. I am aware that Year 6 parents have their meet the teacher meeting and would welcome any parents who wish to stay on and contribute after that meeting.

Dates for 2017 -2018

September:

18th Meet the teacher Year 2
19th Meet the teacher Year 6
19th Homework focus group 9:00 / 2:30
20th Meet the teacher Year 1
22nd Jeans for Genes
25th Harvest Collective Worship
27th Yr 5 Woodrow meeting 7pm
28th PTA AGM 7pm

October:

3rd Pre-School Open Day
4th Year 3 Trip to Hughenden
11th Year 5 to Woodrow
16th Parents Evening 3:30 -5:30
17th Year 5 Interschool Football / Netball
Festival
18th Parents Evening 5:00 -8:00
23rd – HALF TERM

November

13th Remembrance Service
17th Children in Need
17th School Disco

December

2nd PTA Christmas Fayre
12th KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)
13th KS2 Music Concert
14th Early Years Nativity (Morning)
14th KS1 Nativity 6:30pm
15th Early Years Nativity (Afternoon)
18th Christmas Church Service
18th Key Stage 1 and Early Years
Christingle
19th End of Term 1:30pm

January

3rd Inset Day
30th Year R Interschool – Winter Olympics

February

12th HALF TERM
21st Year 3-6 Interschool Cross Country

March

2nd World Book Day Dress Up
6th Year 4 Interschool Football
12th Parents Evening 3:30- 5:30
14th Parents Evening 5:00 – 8:00
15th Energise
16th School Disco
19th Year 6 Isle of Wight
28th Easter Church Service KS2
29th End of term 1:30pm

April

16th Inset Day
25th Year 3 Interschool – Tennis
30th Class Photos

May

23rd Year 2 Interschool – Games
28th – HALF TERM

June

27th Year 6 Interschool – Games
29th School Disco

July

3rd Secondary Transfer Day / Move up
day
5th Bucks School Games
6th INSET DAY
9th Sports Day KS2 AM / KS1 PM Picnic
Lunch for all
11th Reserve Sports Day
13th Reports out to parents
24th July End of Term 1:30pm

