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Reminders: All music tuition should be paid for by now

15th September 2017

Letters: Year 4 Swimming, Year 5 Staffing, Early Years Vision Screening

What's on next week ... Collection for Sals Shoes, Music Lessons

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes—Drop off 11.00am			Swimming Year 4	Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes—Pick Up 2.00pm

Our first full week has been a productive one. The children have all been introduced to their new themes, so be sure to ask about them. I have seen super attitudes to learning and the children seem genuinely excited about being in their new classrooms and the challenges that lie ahead.

This week we have seen our Reception children in school full time. They have made an excellent start and have already adjusted to many routines of school life; they are amazingly adaptable and resilient. Our youngest learners have also begun their education journey, and we look forward to the first full week in Early Years.

So many children have been keen to share their experiences outside of school with me, that I would like to incorporate this into our Friday assembly. Please could I encourage you to send certificates, medals, badges and mementos into school on Friday morning, so we can share them in assembly with the whole school. I feel it is so important to acknowledge all achievements of our children, it might also inspire other children to join a club, try a new skill or start a hobby.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome. I appreciate the quick chats and greetings in the mornings and at the end of the day, as well as the e-mails and letters I have received.

Gemma Grainger

Headteacher

Parking information for parents/carers

Parent/carers reminded to park responsibly outside schools.

With children back to school for the new term, parents are being urged to put safety first by parking responsibly during drop-off and pick-up times.

The Staffordshire County Council campaign is calling on people to park considerately and reminding drivers that Civil Enforcement Officers will be visiting roads near schools right across the county. Any vehicle observed parked on yellow lines or in a restricted area could be issued with a penalty notice, if not observed picking up or dropping off a passenger.

The campaign is also reminding drivers to switch off their engines when parked up, which is good for the environment and people's health, and helps reduce pollution.

It is hoped that the campaign will also urge parents to consider alternative modes of transport such as walking, cycling, scooting 'park and stride' or a walking bus. These all help to reduce congestion and pollution outside schools which is good for the environment, good for parents pockets and helps keep people active.

Reminders...

Please ensure;

- children's items are all clearly labelled
- the school office is notified of any changes to contact details / addresses, pick up arrangements, medical issues
- you text or call on the first morning of a child's absence (CALL 01543 421850 or TEXT 07756 921747)
- all lunches are paid for in advance via ParentPay
- children have a labelled water bottle in school
- children come dressed in school uniform



Year Group Updates

Reception

The children have had a fantastic week. Reception have done a wonderful job of helping Nursery settle into their new classes. We have been doing lots of activities to get to know each other as well as learning the rules of the classroom.

Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have made a fabulous start to the year. We have already started on our new theme of 'Muck, mess and mixtures' and have been doing investigations and writing linked to the topic.

This week these children were recognised for super work and behaviour:

Olivia A Year 1, Oliver R Year 1, Renee F Year 2, Harry P Year 1, Lily M Year 2.

*Please could we ask that ALL children bring their PE kits into school. PE is on Wednesday and Friday afternoons (sorry there was an error last week).

*PE is part of the curriculum and all children should take part.

*ALL earrings should be removed on PE days.

*Coats should be brought to school every day.

*Homework will be sent out at the end of each week and must be returned by Tuesday of the following week.

*All clothing needs to be labelled with your child's name.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have been focussing on the initial stages of digestion. We have investigated how our teeth slice and crush our food and how our tongue pushes the food around our mouths. We have also made tooth impressions to identify our own teeth. During maths we are learning about place value and identifying the value of digits in 3 and 4 digit numbers. It has been a great start to our new school year.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been thinking about hygiene and asking 'How hygienic were the Middle Ages?' They have been detectives and have looked at factors that led to the Black Death.

In Talk 4 Writing they have begun to innovate a text about the plague and are learning how to improve their writing. They have focused on dialogue and describing settings this week.

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to impress teachers with their work this week. In maths, pupils have been working on place value and addition using the column method. In English, children are all enjoying the book 'Wonder' and have discussed the theme of kindness and being able to empathise with others. Our topic of ID has led us to think carefully about our own identity and we have written honest descriptions of ourselves. We are looking forward to our residential trip next week and discovering more about our own strengths and weaknesses.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Friary High School—Key Dates

Open Evening - Thursday 28th September at 6.30pm.

Friary Year 6 **Transition days** will be held on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th June 2018 for students. Year 6 **Transition Evening** for parents will be on Thursday 21st June 2018.

PTFA AGM

Wednesday 27th September 2017

To be held at Chadsmead Primary Academy.

We look forward to seeing new faces.

All welcome.