



Friday, 26 January 2018

Learners of the Week

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Lego Keyrings

Head Teacher's Remarks

This week has flown by! I have seen so much good work from across the school – it is such a pleasure to celebrate with the children.

As you will be aware the safety of the children is our priority and we have a duty of care to all the children in the school. It is important that the children have social as well as academic opportunities in the school day, so break and lunchtimes are a valued time for the children to play with their friends and to exercise. Unfortunately we have an increasing problem at lunchtimes with adults interacting with the children over the fence/gate. Whilst we do understand that parents dropping or collecting younger siblings from pre-school may wish to see their elder child, this is not ideal. Firstly the children need this social time with their friends and peers, and can become upset that they are not to go home at that point with their parent; and secondly that the staff on duty may not know or recognise the adult who may be reaching over the boundary to a child. I am sure you can appreciate that if an adult on duty sees someone they do not know reaching to or talking with a child this raises an immediate alarm. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter, and I will be reminding the children in assembly too.

Next week is Assessment Week for all children from Y1 to Y6. During the course of the week the children will complete a range of tests or tasks to provide a summative picture of their progress and attainment to date. We keep a calm and measured approach to assessment, and no child should be stressed or concerned. If your child is worried, please reassure them that we are sure they will try their best and they are never judged by a test alone. Thank you.

Congratulations to our girls' football team who successfully won their match yesterday evening against St Michael's School. They played with great sportsmanship. Thank you girls for representing our school so well.

The Choir are off to Birmingham today to sing in the Genting Arena as part of the Young Voices celebration. They are all very excited, and I am sure they will really enjoy the experience.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

- from YR: - Emily Cole and Emily Feber
- from Y1: - Ava Bell and Joshua Newton-Telling
- from Y2: - Zoe Hammill and Sam Muirhead
- from Y3: - Poppy Poulson and Constance Thompson
- from Y4: - Beatrice Passmore and Eden Taft
- from Y5: - Jack Abbott and Emmy Newton
- from Y6: - Kate Ford and Issy Hegarty

We are celebrating our Special Learners this year by each child having a gold star badge to wear during the following week. These badges should be worn with pride, and returned to their class teacher on the Friday morning ready to be given to the next child. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Next Week's Reminders

No Boy's Football Training on Wednesday as there is a match.

Whilst the office generally runs smoothly, please can we request that, in order to enable it to do so, parents note the following. Many thanks in advance for your support in these matters.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION - REMINDER

Just to clarify with parents that the school staff are only permitted to administer medication prescribed by a Doctor which is required four times or more a day. This needs to be labelled by the surgery with the child's name. Staff are not allowed to administer over the counter medication e.g. Calpol.

APPOINTMENTS - We have noticed an increase in the number of children leaving school to attend medical/dental appointments which is very disruptive for the child and class. Could we please ask parents, where possible, to book appointments for after school or during the holidays. We appreciate that this cannot always be possible in an emergency. Thank you

ABSENCES - When your child is absent could parents please telephone the school before 8.30am in order for their absence to be marked in the register before going to class. There is no need to telephone again if your child is still ill on following days. If your child is still ill after the weekend, we would then appreciate another call on the Monday morning to clarify this. Please do not e-mail as we cannot guarantee that our many e-mails are read and dealt with by early morning. Written confirmation of why your child was not at school is required on their return to school. This is a requirement of Bucks County Council Attendance. I have a number of cases where I do not have written confirmation, notes are coming home today with the relevant children. Please reply to these as soon as possible.

Also please do not e-mail to advise your child's after school arrangements as this may not be read before 3.15pm. If you can let us know your child's arrangements the day before or morning of in writing, this would be appreciated. Thank you

Book Fair: 27th February - 2nd March 2017

Our selection of books this term will be from Travelling Books, which always provides an excellent range of reading material. Do take this opportunity to visit the Fair and stock up on your children's reading material either after school or during Parents' Evenings

Thank you again to all those parents who support the Book Fairs each term. Once again we will be providing an opportunity for parents to pay by phone in addition to cash (no cheques please, we are now a cheque book free school). As always, books which are received as commission will be added to either the Library stock or classroom collections. Children will be bringing home a Book Fair Leaflet which contains a selection of special offer books. Each child will receive a World Book Day token after half term which can be used at the Book Fair if you wish.

We would be grateful, as usual, for help in supervising the Fair. If you are able to help for all or part of a session, please indicate on the attached slip, and return it to Mrs Dance (School Office) by Monday, 19th February 2017.

BOOK FAIR – Spring 2018

To: Mrs Dance, School Office

I am able to help at the undernoted Book Fair sessions.

Name: Tel No:

Name of Child: Year:

	27.02	28.02	01.03	02.03
2.00pm - 3.00pm		XXX	XXX	XXX
3.15pm - 3.45pm	XXX			
3.30pm - 5.30pm			XXX	XXX
6.00pm - 8.00pm	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

The children are bringing home the new Hot Lunch Menu today. Please check your child's bag!

PERSONALISED LEGO KEYRINGS!



The children will each be bringing home an order form to purchase personalised 100% genuine LEGO brick keyrings. Each keyring is only £3.25 with a pound from every keyring purchased going directly to the school to help raise funds for the pond area revamp. If you would like to purchase one (or more!) then please complete the order form and return it with cash payment to the PTA post box in the school office by Friday 10th February.

Thank you for your support!