



Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2015

9/11

This morning we all observed a minute's silence before the hacka to commemorate those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks in 2001. Thank you to all the children, who were very respectful.

'RED CHALLENGE' PIZZA PARTY LUNCH

Today I enjoyed a lovely Pizza Party lunch with the 60 children who completed our 'Read Every Day' challenge for all 3 terms last year. The weather was glorious, which meant that we were able to dine 'al fresco' - a real treat! Well done to all of our winners.

Our **Read Every Day** challenge for this term starts on **Monday 14th Sept** and runs up until Friday 11th December. Children who read every day within these dates will each receive a reward at the end of term, but please continue to read every day with your children outside of these dates too. Reading with your child, to your child and reading together all count towards the challenge – any form of reading which your child is involved in! Parents should continue to record their child's reading in their planner each day, so that it can be stamped in class.

PARENT GOVERNORS

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies on our governing body. Letters are being sent home with the children today giving full details, and a copy is also available on our school website.

YEAR GROUP WEBSITE PAGES

Don't forget that each year group has its own page on the school website, which is updated weekly with important information for parents. These can be found under the 'Home Learning' tab of the school website.

'JEANS FOR GENES' CHARITY MUFTI DAY – FRI 18TH SEPT



We are very happy to be holding a charity mufti day next Friday, 18th September, in aid of 'Jeans for Genes'. Children are allowed to come into school wearing their jeans on this day, and any small monetary donations towards this charity would be very gratefully received. Please take a look at their website for more details of the amazing work they do, at <http://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>.

We will also be tying this in with 'Wear Your Shirt to School Day', a Milton Keynes initiative inviting people to wear a rugby shirt to school to start building a rugby festival atmosphere, so children can come into school wearing jeans and a rugby top if they have one. (Tesco were selling England Rugby shirts at very good prices!). I've got my Scotland one ready!



BIKES & SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

Please may I remind you all that **no bikes or scooters** are to be ridden in the school grounds or on the playground, due to health & safety reasons.

CLUBS

Due to the popular demand of our football clubs, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 circular soccer will now be football club. The circular soccer skills and equipment will be used within the main football clubs. Sorry for any inconvenience, however we need to respond to demand and make sure that as many children as possible are accessing the clubs. This means that there are extra spaces available. Please book through Parentpay as usual.

PIZZA & HOT DOG DAY – THURS 1ST OCT

Our special 'pizza on the pitch' lunch went down so well in the summer term that we thought we'd do something similar again, and on Thursday 1st October, we will be having a special pizza & hot dog day. This will also allow us to maximise the number of children having school meals which helps to enhance our school budget.

2015 KS2 OUTCOMES

We were very pleased to receive this letter from the Local Authority recently, which I would like to share with you all...



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27 August 2015

Dear Cathy

2015 KS2 outcomes

I would like to congratulate you and your staff on the improved outcomes at KS2. I appreciate that these improvements are a result of hard work, dedication and a strong commitment to high quality teaching and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the achievement of you, your staff and your pupils.

As we start a new academic year I look forward to hearing of your sustained achievement in 2015-16 and I wish you, your staff, governors and pupils a successful year.

Yours sincerely



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PASSPORT APPLICATION FORMS & BRITISH CITIZEN APPLICATION FORMS

A reminder that, due to the number of passport application forms and British Citizen application forms which we receive, we do charge an admin fee of £10 per form to cover the time it takes to check the forms through and raise any queries with parents, before I can sign them. Please also note that parents should not ask their child's class teacher to sign any legal documentation – all such correspondence should be handed in at the school office marked for my attention. We are unable to operate a 'by return' service. I will sign the forms as quickly as I am able to, but please allow up to 10 school days.

NAME OUR 10TH BIRTHDAY DOLLS



We have had a little boy & girl doll specially made to commemorate our school's 10th birthday, and I would like to run a competition to help choose their names. Please could you ask your children to let me have their suggestions by 9am on Friday 16th October – don't forget to include your child's own name and class on their entry. I can't wait to see the children's suggestions – good luck! We will choose 2 winners – one for the boy doll name and one for the girl.

CELEBRATIONS

- ★ Year 2 have had a good week this week – Isabelle brought in a gymnastics award to show me, both Sanvika and Raihan have completed a reading challenge over the summer, and Zac was a mascot for the MK Dons.



- ★ Both Ava and Layla in Year 1 have also brought celebrations in to show me this week. Ava completed the Record Breakers' summer reading challenge during the holidays, and Layla passed her Imperial Classical Ballet exam with distinction!



COMING UP...

Date		
Thurs 17th Sept	Year 5 overnight residential trip to Kings Park	
Fri 11th Sept	'Jeans for Genes' charity mufti day/ Wear your rugby shirt to school Celebration Assemblies: Years 1, 2 & 3 Years 4, 5 & 6	9:00am 10:00am

Have a great weekend – see you on Monday!

Cathy