



Town Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we are always striving to provide the children with new opportunities, some of which are more difficult to achieve than others. Our success over the last term with this has been encouraging children to take on leadership roles. Our School Council is very enthusiastic and are meeting on a fortnightly basis with me to discuss aspects of school. They have written a report explaining the award they have organised in school later in this newsletter. Our Sports Council requested that we hold more competitions in school and Mr Murrell has organised for Y3 to take part in a dodge ball competition on 15th May. Some of the Y5 children will also be trained to be Sports Leaders organising games and sports competitions across the school as well as being involved in the running of Sports Day at Town and Holland House. Leadership provides children with many life skills that can be used across such a wide range of day to day activities and we are proud of how the children demonstrate these qualities both inside and outside school.

Best Wishes

Head Teacher

A Warm Welcome to...

Mrs Linda Fielder who will be working in school on a Wednesday and Thursday until the end of term. She will be covering PPA Management release in Y4 & Y5.

WOW Word of the Month

I have spoken to the children about this new initiative they can compete for starting in May. This will be based around a given word which is unusual, ambitious or interesting such as saunter, jubilant or monstrous. It will extend the children's vocabulary and understanding. I will introduce the word at the beginning of each month in assembly and then a poster will be put up in each classroom. Any child who uses the word correctly in a piece of work will receive a merit. Children can also fill in a 'WOW Word slip' with a fantastic sentence they have devised at home, using the word and place it in the WOW Word box in school. One slip will be drawn out of the box each month and a trophy prize awarded to the winner.



Fun Run

We are holding a sponsored Fun Run on 23rd of May during the school day on the field. Sponsor forms will be coming home with the children in due course. There will be prizes for the children who raise the most money in each class and a prize for the most money raised overall. All donations will go into School Fund and will be used to assist enrichment activities for the children. It will not be used to prop up the school budget!



UPCOMING EVENTS

1st May

May Day Bank Holiday

8th May

SATs Week

18th May

Ready to Write Day

23rd May

Fun Run

24th May

Y4 Synagogue Trip

24th May

Photographer in School – class photos

May 26th

Book Sale

26th May

Break up for half term

5th June

School resumes for children

Saturday 24th June 2017

Summer Fayre

28th June

Sports Day

June 30th

Book Sale

4th/5th July

Town Junior School transition days to meet new teacher

5th July

Y6 Transition – day at new Secondary Schools

5th / 6th / 7th July

Y6 Residential to Conover Hall

12th July

3.45 – 5.45 Open Evening

14th July

1.15 Leavers Assembly

20th July

Big Bounce Day

1.30 – 4.30 Y6 Leavers Party

21st July

2pm Leavers Presentation Assembly

SATS Reminder 8th – 12th May

It is vital that the children are in everyday in order to take the papers at the correct time. We are not able to allow the children to take them later or on another day. Therefore, if the children are absent or late during this week then they will not get a mark and we will not be able to show how much progress they have made over the last four years. It also means that their secondary school will not have as much information as they need to make accurate decisions about their academic ability. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school every day during SATS week. Thank you.

Four Oaks Toy Library based at Mere Green School

Please find below the hyperlink for the Four Oaks Toy Library based at Mere Green School. For a small subscription parents can borrow a wide range of toys, suitable from birth and for older children with sensory needs. Parents can look at the website, where there is a catalogue, or visit for free to find out more.

http://suttonlocality.childrencentres.org/index.php?page_id=54



Lost Property

The Office is still getting enquiries from parents about lost property, including brand new jumpers. If an item has no name on it we cannot return it to the 'owner', therefore please make sure all items (especially jumpers) have your child's name somewhere on them and that it hasn't faded away in the wash/been worn away with wear.



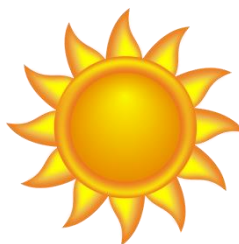
PE Kit

We have still got lots of children around school that have not got PE kit with them for their lessons. Whilst I appreciate that some children take part in sporting activities outside school and need to take part of their kit home with them it needs to be returned each day as we sometimes have to change when PE will take place for a class and it causes a lot of disruption when the kit is not available. Please check that you have not got a pump bag hiding somewhere at home that should be at school!!



Hats and Water bottles

As we are now approaching hot summer days please remember that the children are out at playtime for at least 1hr 15mins per day plus any additional time spent at Kingfishers and that our classrooms can get very hot even with the doors and windows open. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them in school and that it is filled with **water** not squash. Please also ensure they come to school with a suitable hat and an appropriate factor sun cream.



Magic Moments

Bronze Merit Award

Congratulations to:

Emily Y3
George Y3
Gracie Y3
Frankie Y3
Ryan Y3
Daniel Y3
Blake Y4
Joel Y4
Isabel Y4
Alfie Y4
Kiera Y6
Shyaan Y6

Reading Award

Congratulations to the following children:

Emily Y3
Luke Y4
Ben Y4
Finlay Y4
Daniel Y4
Kesiah Y4
Joshua Y5
Isaac Y5
Aayan Y5
Isaac Y5
Jude Y6

Bronze Reading Award

Congratulations to:

Madhusa Y4
Lydia Y3
Jack Y4
Layla Y4
Joe Y6

Silver Music Award

Congratulations to:

Harriet Y3
Jessica Y6

Silver Merit

Congratulations to:

Samirah Y6

Class Attendance

Congratulations to:

BEAVERS 98.6% attendance
for week 3/4/17 - 7/4/17

and

SWALLOWS 99.3%
attendance for week
27/3/17 – 28/3/17



School Council

School Council have organised an award for the cleanest classroom. Each Thursday we carry out an inspection of each classroom and cloakroom. In the classrooms we want to see chairs tucked in, tidy tables and no mess on the floor. In the cloakrooms all the coats have to be hung up and the PE bags tidied away.

This week's winner is

BEAVERS

Well Done - because they had a spotless classroom and cloakroom. They will be awarded the School Council Tidiness Award Trophy and have 10 minutes extra playtime.

Signed by School Council



SEND Information Report

Following consultation the Town School SEND Information Report has been reviewed and updated, and is available on the website. It is a requirement of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice that schools provide information for parents and carers about procedures and support for children with special needs and / or disabilities, to signpost parents to the Local Authority Local Offer for SEND, and to provide information about other sources of support. This report is available on the website under Parents/SEND/ SEND Information Report

Y5 Music Assembly

Comets have been working really hard in their music lessons and were able to play two pieces of classroom jazz on the glocks. They demonstrated how to read and play the middle 8 and their own improvisations.



Collecting Children

Please ensure that you inform the office of any changes to your pick up arrangements, in plenty of time for us to let the teachers know, in order to avoid staff having to worry if arrangements have changed and we are not aware of them.

School Meals

Please could you let the school know if your child has changed their meal pattern from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa? Also a reminder that payment is now due for the first half of the summer term. Thank you



Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the parents that supported the Easter Raffle, we raised £59 to put into our School Fund.

Magic Moments continued

Edgmond Hall

Last week I had the most incredible time ever at Edgmond Hall on our Y5 Residential trip. As soon as we got there all I wanted to do was go to bed but we went straight on to activities (as soon as we found out what groups we were in). I was so excited to see what this day had in store. Secondly, we did an activity where there was a ball and you had to get it into a cup without it going through the holes. The next game we played was a game where you had to flip the sheet over to one side which had red triangles on it and you were not allowed to touch the grass whilst doing it. We did several more activities and after we had to meet at the cabin where all the other groups were.

A few minutes later we got told what dormitories we were in. Somehow I was put with who I wanted to be with. Later on that day we went on a walk at 7.30pm. We went through a lot of muddy puddles. Half an hour later we found a wishing tree. In order for it to work we had to be quiet and stroke it and make a wish. An hour later we finally made it back. We had a hot chocolate and a biscuit. We had a shower and went to bed.

By Aayan METEORS



Safeguarding

Safety tips to keep children safe from fire

It is a tragic fact that every year in the UK around 30 children are killed and more than 900 are injured in accidental house fires. This is often because there is no smoke alarm or because no adult is there to help the children and they don't know what to do.

Here are a few tips to keep children safe from fire:



- Don't let children play or leave toys near a fire or heater
- Put a childproof fireguard in front of an open fire or heater
- Keep your escape route clear of toys and other obstructions
- Place candles and tea lights where children cannot reach them
- Don't leave children on their own in a room where there's a fire risk
- Keep matches and lighters where children cannot see or reach them
- Put plug guards into sockets so children can't stick anything into the holes
- Keep portable heaters in a safe place where they can't be knocked over when they are being used or stored

Never leave children alone in the kitchen when you're cooking and never let them play near the oven and hob

Put child locks on cupboards containing anything that could be used to start a fire (for example matches, candles, flammable liquids and so on)

Games for children

Use the following link to access games, quizzes and exercises to teach children about fire safety:

<http://www.sparkton.co.uk/>

School improvements

- Mrs Smith and Mrs Gilmour held Pupil Progress meetings with all staff.
- Writing Moderation was carried out with staff from Holland House looking at Y2 and Y6 pieces of work.
- Mrs Rachel Davis (Headteacher at Little Sutton Primary) met with Mrs Smith and Mrs Gilmour to discuss Pupil Progress, the School Improvement Plan and Schools Evaluation Form.
- Mrs Clapcott and Mrs Smith met with Mrs Lynda Smith to discuss setting the 2017 – 18 budget.
- A Town Junior School Local Governing Body meeting to discuss the governance review across the trust was carried out.
- Many parents joined Y6 staff to gain an understanding of the 2017 SATS.
- Mrs Hill has attended the SENCo network meeting at Coppice School. Mrs Clapcott and Mrs Smith met three prospective Governors to discuss aspects of the role.
- Whole staff training day led by Claire Duncan from the Maths Hub looking at Mastery for Maths.