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CERTIFICATE AND KIM AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the children who were presented with certificates and KiM Awards at our Celebration Assembly last week. They were:-

| | Certificates | | | | | | | KiM | |
|----------------|--------------|------------|--------|----------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|
| Class 1 | Matthew | Alice M | Barnes | Madeline | Frank | | | Ruby | |
| Class 2 | James | William H. | Carys | Katy | Finlay | Charlie | William B. | Oscar | Hance |

Congratulations (and also apologies) to Victoria and Lisa whose names were accidentally omitted from the list of certificate winners in a previous Newsletter.

CLASS TEACHER RECRUITMENT

We are very pleased to be able to say that earlier this week we appointed our new Class 2 teacher for 1st September. Parents, staff and governors have been informed by letter, and we will be in a position to say more publically when we know that our new teacher’s present school has informed its school community. However, this appointment, coupled with the earlier news that Mrs. Sarah Peel is to be Executive Headteacher (also from September 1st) means that we can now look forward to more settled times and an exciting future for the school.

PARENTS’ MEETING

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parents’ Meeting last week about Mrs. Peel’s appointment as Executive Headteacher. I hope you found the meeting informative, and it gave you the opportunity to ask questions and clarify points. With this Newsletter, parents will find a copy of the notes of the meeting, with the intention that this will give parents who couldn’t attend a good idea of the topics we discussed. As well as summarising the meeting, the notes also explain some areas of misunderstanding that seem to have arisen since the meeting. It is important that these points are clarified, so please do ask me if there is anything further you would like to know, or anything that is not clear.

I will, of course, be liaising closely with Mrs. Peel (and also with our new Class 2 teacher) for the remainder of this term in order to ensure there is a smooth transition and continuity for children, staff, governors and the school as a whole.

ROUND-UP OF RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- a) Congratulations to the Class 2 boys and girls (William B., Finlay, Jack, Jessie, Lisa, Alfie, Fraiser and Joshua) who took part in the North Craven Schools’ Cricket Tournament at Settle Cricket Club yesterday evening. The team



finished 5th in the tournament, and Fraiser won the boys' Sportsmanship of the Tournament Award. Very well done.

- b) Settle Story Tellers – we were delighted to welcome Alim Kamara, who is of Sierra Leone heritage, into school today. In a truly inspiring morning, he worked with the children in assembly and in their classes using drama, poetry, rhythm, music, dance and unlimited amounts of humour. Earlier this week, all children took home a leaflet and letter about the event that Settle Stories are organising in Settle tomorrow, Saturday 27th May. Alim Kamara is one of the artists taking part, and many of the children were enthusiastic about going to see more of him, and also the other events taking place. So, if it fits in with your family plans for tomorrow,
- c) Malhamdale Trail Challenge (formerly Malhamdale Meander) – this event took place Saturday 13th May, and we are delighted that Finlay won the trophy as the fastest boy to finish and Harry E. won the shield for the youngest participant. Congratulations to Anna and Alice E. who also took part, and a big “thank-you” to the event’s organisers who have very generously given £500 to school. Next year, we hope that there will be more children and families from school taking part.

TRIM TRAIL

Our Trim Trial has now been completed. The only task remaining is for the equipment to be inspected to ensure it is safe, and then it will be ready to be used by the children, hopefully in the first week after the half term holiday. Exciting times!!



SLEEPOVER

Our annual Sleepover takes place on Friday 16th June at Eshton Grange. It will be very helpful if parents can bring their children to Eshton at 9am on the Friday morning, and then collect them at 9am on the Saturday morning. Please let us know if this is likely to cause you any difficulties. After the half-term holiday, we will send parents further information about this event.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May

- Sat. 27th 10am onwards – Settle Stories events, based at the Victoria Hall in Settle
- Sat. 27th – Wed. 31st Malham Safari
- Wed. 31st 7:30pm - Service for the Institution and Induction of Rev. Geoffrey Spencer at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Kirkby Malham. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Spencer into school in June and/or July.

June

- Monday 5th 9am – School re-opens for children
- Fri. 9th 2:45pm – Celebration Assembly
- w/c Mon. 12th all week – Phonics Screening Check for all Year 1 children
- Tue. 13th am – North Craven Mini Olympics at Settle College for Year 2 children.
- Thu. 15th 1-3pm - Yrs 5&6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Wharfedale Rugby Club.
- Fri. 16th – Sat. 17th 9am onwards – Sleepover at Eshton Grange
- Mon. 19th – Wed. 21st Residential visit to London for Year 6 children
- Wed. 21st 4pm – North Craven Cross-Country at Settle College

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