

School Newsletter

10th November 2017

Headteacher News

This week the children have been preparing for Remembrance Day; on Monday our Year 6 children will be leading our service of Remembrance, we are very fortunate to have RAF Squadron Leader John Tallack in attendance.

I would also like to say a huge thank you for your generosity, the Royal British Legion provided the school with poppies and a range of other items and we have nearly sold out! Our Year 6 children will be selling the final poppies on Monday morning.

On Thursday, we held the first of our prospective parents open mornings and I would like to publicly thank our Year 6 pupils and our head boy and girl for the fantastic job they did showing new parents around. One prospective parent even offered one of them a job!

Junior Leadership Team

This week the Junior Leadership Team have been working with Mr Wallbank on school based rewards and what type of rewards they would to gain in recognition of their achievements in school.

They have put forward some excellent ideas and the SLT will be reviewing these and making some changes to the reward system based on their feedback. So watch this space for further details.

Homework

This week every child in KS1 and KS2 should have received their homework book. We hope that the instructions in the book were clear and useful for parents. If you have any questions about homework please remember that we are holding two parent forums to support homework on Monday. One at 9:00 and the other at 2:30, so if you have any questions please pop in see us.

Year 3 Trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum

Last week, Year 3 went on an amazing trip the River and Rowing Museum and learnt about Wind in the Willows and Kenneth Graham.

According to the children, the best part of the day was going through the walkway. It had many models and they showed the story of Wind in the Willows.

The children really enjoyed testing the exercise equipment and learning about how to keep themselves healthy.

Since their trip, Year 3 have continued to read the story and have been describing the characters, it has been a fantastic way to start their topic. I would like to thank Saoirse Ball for her comments and helping me with ideas for this section.

Year 4 Roman Day

Travelling back to Ancient Rome

On Monday 30th October 2017, an historical man came into our school. Incredibly, this man took us back to Rotten Rome!

'At dawn I got out of bed and I was extremely excited because it was Roman Day! I quickly went downstairs to eat my breakfast. In the blink of an eye, I was back upstairs putting on my Roman costume. My mum made my marvellous, magnificent costume. We all went back downstairs, picked up our bags and we were off!

Trembling with excitement, I was at school in a matter of time. When I got to school, I saw everyone with their remarkable Roman costumes. When we got into the hall, a strange bearded historian with straight hair started to tell us about the Romans in general.

The man told us how the Roman's had courageously defeated the Celts! The Romans had amazing shoes as well as clothes. The ladies had to make the clothes sadly.

Near the end, we learnt the Romans sometimes spoke Latin and march left, right, left, right. It was hard work but it was really fun. I am happy with our Roman. It was the best day of Year 4 so far.

I would like to give the Roman day 10/10 because it was extremely fun way of learning. It also gives us more of a chance to see the shining armour, shoes and listen to the amazing facts. I loved Roman day so much I wouldn't mind doing it again.'

By Nikita Dunsmore / Fizaan Butt Year 4

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Attendance

Our overall school attendance to the end of this week is 97.94%
 Well done to our attendance champions this week - 3OW with a fabulous 100% attendance!

House Points

Many congratulations to Stuart house for earning the highest amount of house point this week.

Tudor	York	Windsor	Stuart
306	244	201	196

Community News

Reverend Keith Johnson has asked us to share the leaflet below with you.



Year 5 Bikeability

This week we have been doing our bikeability training with our instructors Dave and Karen, on the first day we had training on the playground about what we needed to do, this included signalling, when and what we should do on the road and ABC checks.

After that, we were allowed to go out on the road, to practise what we have been learning; this included what to do at T-junctions, major roads, and minor roads.

The best thing about bikeability has been cycling with other people and we feel more confident to ride our bikes on the roads.

By Gabriel Pearce and Isabella Blake

Reception needs your help!

If any parents have any spare aged 4/5 clothing, we would greatly appreciate donations. We need girls and boy's underwear, boy trousers, girl's skirts, sock and tights.

Do we have any cameramen out there?

Traditionally the school has provided DVDs of the KS1 and Reception Nativity plays, however, this has previously been provided by our IT technician and subsequently a parent.

We would like to be able to offer DVDs to parents, however, currently we do not have any facilities or way of recording the plays and wondered if there are any parents out there who would be willing to take this on for us.

I am aware that Christmas is an expensive time of year and we would like to keep the costs of providing these DVDs to a minimum. We did look at getting an external company in to make the DVDs however, this proved to be too expensive.

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Rotary Boxes

Just to remind you that the Rotary boxes need to be returned on Thursday morning of the 23rd, please do not send your boxes in before this date.

PTA News

Christmas Fayre planning is well underway - we have some exciting new stalls and some old favourites. A letter will be sent out shortly and sign-up sheets for the stalls will be ready by Monday. We really need your help for the Christmas Fayre to run effectively - If you could give us just half an hour of your time on the day, it would help enormously.

This week you will have received two books of raffle tickets for our fabulous Christmas raffle. More tickets are available from the office.

Friday 17th November - YORK House MUFTI Day - Yellow or spotted clothing and £1 for Children in Need Please bring in Luxury items (and or a basket) for Hampers.

Thank you for your continued support!

Charitable Giving

On Friday 17th November, York House will be raising money for Children in Need. The auditions have been held for the talent show and we are looking forward to the talent show.

All children can come to school in spotty or yellow clothes in exchange for £1.

Attachments to the newsletter

Change to school Lunch letter 13th Dec - whole school

Dates for 2017 -2018 All new dates are shown in Red November

13th Remembrance Service
 13th Homework Parent Forum 9:00 / 2:30
 14th Year 1 Multi-Skill Interschool festival
 17th Children in Need
 17th School Disco
 21st Reception intake 2018 Open Morning 1:30
 23rd Rotary Boxes to be returned

December

2nd PTA Christmas Fayre
 3rd Participate in the All age service at St Michaels
 12th KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)
 13th KS2 Music Concert
 14th Early Years Nativity (Morning)
 14th Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
 14th KS1 Nativity 6:30pm
 15th Early Years Nativity (Afternoon)
 18th Christmas Church Service
 18th Key Stage 1 and Early Years Christingle
 19th End of Term 1:30pm

January

3rd Inset Day
 30th Year R Interschool – Winter Olympics

February

12th HALF TERM
 21st Year 3-6 Interschool Cross Country

March

2nd World Book Day Dress Up
 6th Year 4 Interschool Football
 12th Parents Evening 3:30- 5:30
 14th Parents Evening 5:00 – 8:00
 16th School Disco
 19th Year 6 Isle of Wight
 28th Easter Church Service KS2
 29th End of term 1:30pm

April

6th Inset Day
 25th Year 3 Interschool – Tennis
 30th Class Photos

May

23rd Year 2 Interschool – Games
 28th – HALF TERM

June

27th Year 6 Interschool – Games
 29th School Disco

July

3rd Secondary Transfer Day / Move up day
 5th Bucks School Games
 6th INSET DAY
 9th Sports Day KS2 AM / KS1 PM Picnic Lunch for all
 11th Reserve Sports Day
 13th Reports out to parents
 24th July End of Term 1:30pm



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