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Newsletter

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Message from Mr Porter



I am not sure where the last 3 months have gone, but we are finding ourselves turning our attention to planning for next year. I have had a number of meetings with Max Burr to discuss the priorities for 2017/2018. Debby, Max and I will be meeting regularly between now and the end of term. Priorities for September include an outline School Development Plan, a full calendar of all key dates across the year (on the website), possible changes to timings of the school day, finalising classes, teachers and TAs, an ICT audit and a curriculum plan.

Communication has certainly improved and I have received some lovely feedback from parents about general communication and the new website. However, I do recognise that this needs to be improved further. Some parents of our new Reception intake were unhappy about the late notice for induction events. I apologise if this has inconvenienced anyone. We will certainly strive to ensure that this doesn't happen again. Having a full calendar in place for the next academic year should alleviate these problems.

We have purchased some new PE equipment. Our Student Leaders and Sports Coaches were involved in selecting appropriate kit. This will certainly enhance PE lessons and provide the children with more choice at break and lunch times. Many thanks to FOWA (Friends of West Ashton) for their very generous contribution.

I am delighted that so many children are receiving awards on a Friday afternoon at our Celebration Assembly. This week we will be handing out our new 'Reader of the week' award and a pupil will be the first to receive a Bronze Badge (50 House points). The children are so proud of these awards and of being part of a House. Oak House won the first termly competition and they got a treat by spending an afternoon engaging in fun activities with a sports coach. Can I please ask that all pupils continue to wear their House Badge. We will look at an alternative badge design as the pin badges are troublesome to some of the smaller children.



I would like to have a special Celebration Assembly on the last day of term (Thursday, July 20th). We would like to celebrate fantastic achievements across the whole school and the whole year. Categories will include 'Pride of Class', excellent attendance, excellent progress, sport, Creative Arts etc. I am inviting all parents to this assembly and I really hope that you can come.

Sports Day will take place on July 14th. If the weather is not kind to us then it will take place on the 17th. I will be planning the Sports Day with some of our sports coaches. They will also support us on the day. We have not finalised timings, but I would like to invite parents to join us for a picnic lunch. There will be a mix of field and track events. The children will be in Houses and I would like them to be in a House colour T Shirt. We would appreciate some support from adults on the day e.g. to oversee a field activity.



I have mentioned new signs a few times. We have a bit of a delay. I would like there to be two new signs. One at the end of the drive and one on the cross roads. Two of the Local Parish Councillors have raised concerns over this, so it will need to go to a vote. I am still hopeful that the signs will be in place for the new academic year.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.





Family Fun Evening



Fri 7th July 2017 5pm to 8pm

Put this date in your diary and bring your family and friends along for a fun filled evening including...

inflatables, delicious food and drink, stalls and more...
Tickets are now available from the school office – £2 each

Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in last week's and this week's Celebration Assembly were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance - w/e 08/06/17 Eagles w/e 15/06/17 Robins

Class Certificates – w/e 09/06/2017 Isaac Shore, Riley Pope-Ward, Phoenix Kenyon

w/e 16/06/2017 Jaime Noad, Thomas Metcalf, Logan Bell

Expectations Awards – w/e 09/06/2017 Jacob Squires, Abigail Squires, Samuel Windel, Beth Williams, Jack Le Gry, Thomas Metcalf, Eleanor Squires, Finley Lewis, Tom Roberts

w/e 16/06/2017 Harry Pritchard, Rory Townsend, Cherry Cao, Isabel Heywood, Amelia Davis, Summer Mounty

Readers of the Week – w/e 16/06/2017 Isabel Hinds, Kayla Thomas, Sasha Kamunga

Silver Maths Award w/e 09/06/2017 Eleanor Squires

House Awards – Halfway to Bronze Award (25 House Points) 09/06/2017– Harvey Devenney, Harry Pritchard, Owen Squires, Thomas Bath, Cherry Cao, Evie Morris, Nevaeh Ricaud, Clarissa Webster, Beth Williams, Logan Bell, Amelia Davis, James McCarthy, Brendon Williams. w/e 16/06/2017 – Jasmine Molly, Jacob Squires, Max Roberts, Jonathan Cruikshank, Maia Hobbs, Alexander Foo, Samuel Windel, Jaime Noad, Isabel Heywood

Bronze Award (50 House Points) – Sasha Kamunga

A very big well done to all these children.

Key Dates:

- Thursday 22nd June – Scooter Training Sessions Year 2
- Thursday 22nd June – FOWA Committee Meeting @ The Red Admiral, everyone welcome
- Friday 30th June – Non Uniform Day – Donations for the bottle tombola for the Fun Evening
- Wednesday 5th July – Eagles Class Assembly
- Friday 7th July – FOWA Family Fun Evening
- Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th July – School Performance
- Friday 14th July – Sports Day and picnic
- Tuesday 18th July – Moving up Morning
- Friday 20th July – Awards Assembly – 2.00pm
- Friday 21st July – TD Day
- Friday 01 September – TD Day

