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Dear Parents,

We've made it to half-term at last! I know that the children are definitely ready for a rest. They have worked incredibly hard since they all returned on the 8th March and we can really see the progress they have made.

As you may be aware, the government allocated 'catch-up funding' to support children recovering from the impact of the pandemic. For us this was £6124.00. A detailed plan of how we are using this is available on the website but we thought it would be useful to give you an update on what we have put into place and the impact it is having.

When children returned after the first lockdown we were able to assess where they were and put plans in place. Although the second lockdown was different, children had similar issues when they returned. They moved on quickly, simply from being back into the school routine. Our recovery plan was threefold; there were universal issues that needed to be addressed across the school and adjustments to the curriculum that needed to be in place for all children. These issues can be addressed through whole class support and teaching. Then there were groups of children that needed more specific intervention beyond the classroom. Finally there were other areas of individualised support that needed to be put in place for children who had been impacted in other ways by the pandemic or by situations outside of school.

Additional measures we have put in place with the support of the funding:

- Additional Staff hours
 - ★ Allowing us to carry out assessments, lead interventions and monitor progress. 59% of our children are currently receiving intervention beyond the classroom.

- ★ Staff have also been used to provide emotional support working one to one with children, ensuring they have a trusted adult to talk to and share any worries.
- Resources including:
 - ★ Subscriptions/licenses for online programmes such as Reading Eggs, Numbots, Dynamo Maths and Lexia.
 - ★ Individual programmes for interventions such as Plus one/Power of Two.
 - ★ WeVideo - an editing tool which has helped us to create films with the children as well as providing recorded lessons, collective worship etc.
 - ★ Boxall Profile - a diagnostic tool which allows us to assess the Social, Emotional and Mental Health of children to allow them to be successful in the classroom.
 - ★ Worry Monsters - after the first lockdown we found many children had ongoing concerns about Coronavirus, school closures and the safety of their loved ones. This resource was added to every classroom as a way for children to share their feelings and ask for help if they needed it.
 - ★ Subscription for Literacy resources including plans, catch up programmes and high quality texts to address a drop in the quality of writing.

The really positive news is that all that we are doing is having an impact and many children are back on track. We will continue to review on a regular basis to assure children are receiving the support they need. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with their class teacher to discuss this.

We are incredibly proud of how the children have coped with the turbulence of the last year, but credit must also go to you as parents for the way you have supported them throughout. We can only hope that the year ahead will be more settled!

Special Awards this week:



Hedgehog Class

Lillie for following her design very carefully when painting her model car.



Squirrel Class

Perry for doing excellent writing in English and working hard on his spelling.



Badger Class

Jasmine for working extremely hard all week

Fox Class



To all of Fox Class for adapting so well to the change of teacher and continuing to work really hard. A special thank you to

Mrs Skepelhorn for helping us out too.

We hope we will see you again soon.



Writer of the Week

Hedgehog Class

Clay for his excellent writing about the environment.

Badger Class

Mabel has been working really hard on her handwriting and wrote a great description using prepositional phrases.

Well done all of you for your fantastic work!

If you would like to hear Savannah's fantastic guitar playing on 'This is Me' this week head over to Tapestry. You will also see Avery's book recommendation.

Harvey Williams has been chosen for 'This is Me' for after half term and Freya Messenger-Conway for Book of the Week. We really look forward to seeing what they have to share.

Other Messages

~~FOYS AGM Tuesday 18th May 2021 7pm (Zoom)~~

We hope you can join us on Monday 7th June at 7pm.

Lunch

We will be increasing our hot lunch offer to 3 days a week after half term. Mrs Fulham will share the details for you to order. Please could you also ensure that children know what they are having, we do have tears at times when they think they are having one thing and parents have ordered something else.

Transition Days

This year there is a slight variation with transition to high school. Children transferring to Northgate will finish with us on Friday 16th July. Attending high school from the 19th-21st. Children transferring to Neatherd will finish with us on Monday 19th July. Attending high school from 20th-21st. Those attending other high schools are on different dates entirely. We will of course ensure that all our special events take place when all of the children are here! We are making plans for Year 6 leavers but will confirm closer to the date to ensure that we can do as much as possible within the restrictions (should some still be in place at this point!) We give you as much notice as possible of relevant dates.

Wishing you all a restful half-term, here's hoping for some sunshine at last!

Jennie Müller

Community
YARD SALE
Saturday 17th July
10am - 3pm

£5 per stall/yard payable at time of booking. Pre-booked car boot pitches also available in the village hall car park.

Maps showing all those participating will be on-sale on the day, from Yaxham Village Hall for £1.

Refreshments will be available from the Yaxham Community Cafe.
To book your stall, email:
friendsofyaxhamschool@yahoo.co.uk
or call: 07522 146145

All proceeds to Friends of Yaxham Primary School
Charity Reg. Nbr. 164923

Mattishall Youth Cricket
Outdoor Youth Training

For More Information please contact
Lizzie Hawkins 07793515356

Social Club open from 6pm
for refreshments

Fun Session wk 1
Family Fun Night week 14

Fully Qualified Level 2 Coaches,
First Aid Trained

Every Monday
Social Distancing guidelines apply
Weekly From 19th April 2021
until 19th July 2021

u7s & below 6pm - 7pm - £2 per session
u8s to u15s - 6pm - 7.30pm £4 per session

Follow us on facebook & Twitter
for up to date club info and cancellation
due to weather

Mattishall Sports & Social Club, Playing Field, South Green, Mattishall
NR20 3JY

Dates for your Diary:

End of half term 28th May 2021

Return to school 7th June 2021

Reception 2021 New Parents Virtual Meeting 9th June 6pm

Reception 2021 Stay and play Session 24th June 3.30-4.30pm

Reception 2021 Stay and play Session 13th July 3.30-4.30pm

Community Yard Sale 17th July

End of term 21st July 2021

Return to School 6th September 2021