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'Better Never Stops'



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Dear Parents,

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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

As always, we are encouraging children to come dressed up as a character from a book. If possible, we would like the children to bring in the book that their character is from so that they can share it with their friends. To make the day even more exciting, during the afternoon, M&M productions have been booked to perform 'The Wizard of Oz' based on the book by L. Frank Baum – originally published back in 1900. Although this is an expensive event to host, our PTA have kindly agreed to pay for it in its entirety using money raised over the last year and therefore it will not cost our families anything. Thank you to the PTA and to anybody who has supported any of their events this year.

Sponsored Reading Challenge

As you may remember, we have been trying to get new books for our school library and Usborne Books agreed to match whatever we manage to raise. If you have been able to do the challenge, please send in any funds raised by tomorrow (Tuesday 3rd March) so we can advise Usborne of our total. Thank you so much for your support with this event.

Attendance – Target 97%

Last week's average school attendance was 96.3%. This meant that over the week 80 sessions were missed. A child absent for a week is equal to 10 lost sessions. Over the year, 2111 sessions have been lost so far. This is equivalent to 1055 school days being lost and this figure is too high. We know that children do get ill but it is essential that they attend school whenever they can. More information can be found both on the school and NHS websites: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Beehive Club

A reminder that we offer a drop off service from 8.20am to the start of school each day. Previously, ParentPay was used for this but parents want to pay using child care vouchers so from now on, unless there is a huge demand resulting in significant administration work, we will invoice at the end of each month just like we do for those booked in for regular sessions. Invoices will be emailed and will give parents one week to make payment. If you want to be able to use the service, please complete the registration forms that can be found on the 'Beehive Club' tab on the school website. A huge thank you to all our Beehive staff for making such a positive start to this provision and a very healthy number of children already attend the provision on a regular basis.

The Grand Opening of Key Stage Two

Dermot O'Leary will be visiting the school on Thursday 12th March at around 2.30pm. We will give full details in a separate letter but he will spend approximately one hour at Heswall before he goes on to Lingham. If you want him to sign a copy of his book, you will need to have pre-ordered it as many of you have already done (details were on a previous letter). We will be allowing parents to come on to the playground for the official opening of the new building. Exciting Times!

Why Dermot O'Leary? Last year, we took 30 pupils to London Zoo after winning the Better Energy Schools Awards. Dermot O'Leary was there as an ambassador for YPTE (Young People's Trust for the Environment) and after spending the day with the children, he kindly agreed to come to Heswall if he could fit it into his busy schedule. He was true to his word and agreed to come here whilst travelling around the country on his 'Toto the Ninja Cat' book tour.

Water Bottles

We would recommend, if you do not already do so, sending your child into school with a refillable water bottle. Not only will this reduce plastic waste but will stop children being dependant on drinking from water fountains. We have stations to refill water bottles both in the dining room and in the middle of the Key Stage Two shared area.

Best Wishes,

Mr J Lawrenson

