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Autumn term



**Wednesday 4
September - Friday
20 December**

Half term

Monday 28 October –

Friday 1 November

Spring term



Monday 6 January –

Friday 3 April

Half term

**Monday 17 February
– Friday 21 February**

Summer term



**Monday 20 April –
Wednesday 22 July**

Half term

**Monday 25 May –
Friday 5 June**

Year 2 Tattenhall Superstars!

A huge well done to all the children in Year 2 who went to Tattenhall for their first school residential this week. The children were all extremely brave staying away from home, some for the first time! Brave too to whizz down the zip wire and ring the bell at the top of the very tall tree! The instructors were particularly impressed with the way in which such young children showed such collaboration and determination. I really did enjoy seeing the children in a different environment and watching them work together as 'safety teams' and 'intrepid explorers'. Well done to all involved.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Monteith, Miss Sutton, Mrs Lynock and Mrs Goodwin for accompanying the trip. Also thanks to Miss Green, Mrs Smither and Mr Tunnicliffe. Without people giving up their time (not to mention their sleep!) so generously these trips would not go ahead.

Many photographs of the children's adventures have been shared via Twitter and I would like to add an additional thank you to all the parents and carers who engage so positively with us via this medium.

Parent Governor Election

A reminder that the closing date for nominations for the role of parent governor is this Monday, 30 September. At present I have not received any nominations – which is very unusual as the role of parent governor is usually a highly contested one in our school. If you are considering this role please do get your nomination in; thank you.

Twitter

The Year 6 teachers have taken the decision to combine their Twitter accounts and from Monday will be using the following:

Year 6 Farnworth @6Farnworth

Please do follow this feed if you have children in Year 6.

Macmillan Coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who attended today's coffee morning; it was lovely to see you. The cakes were amazing! Thank you for all the wonderful donations – we do have so many talented people!

If you were unable to make it this morning (and if this newsletter reaches you in time!), the PTA will be selling any remaining cakes this afternoon under the Key Stage 2 canopy. When this final cake sale has happened I will be able to update you with the final total – fingers crossed we are able to make a sizeable donation to support the fantastic work of our Macmillan nurses.

Triathlon Report by Lily-Ella Ford and Macy McNabb



On Monday 23 September, some of our students were chosen to participate in a non-competitive event hosted by the Brownlee Foundation. It was a triathlon which included a 50m swim, an 800m cycle and a 300m run.

First, we had our 50m swim, which we all completed successfully. Then, we hopped out of the pool and threw on our clothes over our soaking wet swimming costume determined to be the first to start the cycle. Most of us felt that the cycle was the hardest part and by the time we were ready for our run our legs felt like jelly (although that was never going to stop us from completing this fabulous opportunity). Then, we ran as fast as we could to get to the finish line where we were congratulated by the helpful staff. Our hearts were racing and our faces were bright red! Once we had completed our mission our pupils received a medal, a t-shirt, a goody bag and a swimming cap. Thinking nothing could make this amazing experience any better, we were delighted to see one of the Brownlee brothers and had our picture taken with him.

From our year 3 classes we had Freya Karaski and Fred Marsden. From our year 4 classes we had Harlow Rawcliffe-Davis, Nathan Jones, Zoe Neill and Megan Cosgrove. From our year 5 classes Eleanor Marsden, Joe Taylor, Isaac Haste, Lucas Bradshaw, Callum Grady, Ruby Ireland, Keira Holland and Oliver Burrows. And from our year 6 classes Harry Lea, Macy McNabb, Lily-Ella Ford, Elizabeth Marsh, Olivia Highland, Harry Douthwaite, Samantha Birch, Bailey Hughes, Emily Nield, Adam Keith and Sam Brownlow.

Thank you to Mrs Woolland, parents, students and staff for taking the time to help us through this event. We really hope we could come back again!

Outdoor PE

In my new capacity as the school's P.E. coordinator, it has been brought to my attention that not all of the children have an outdoor P.E. kit in school. Children should be having two P.E. lessons a week – one indoor and usually one outdoor (weather permitting). As the winter months draw in, children will still be required to actively take part in an outdoor P.E. lesson. It has been really evident over the last two days during the David Campbell taster sessions that children had no alternative footwear other than their pumps. Furthermore, there were some children who were outside wearing just their shorts and t-shirts. Some children naturally don't feel the cold and probably informed their teacher that they were quite happy to go outside in those clothes, but they still should have a long sleeve top and tracksuit/jogging pants as part of their P.E kit. I'm not asking anyone to go out and purchase new clothes for their child, but I do want to ensure that all children can actively take part in both indoor and outdoor P.E. sessions. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to get in contact with me.

In other news, I am really keen to complete the Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion. Other schools in the area have already made a good start, but I'd like to think that we're pacing ourselves before finishing strong. I'll be looking to work with a number of Year 6 children to really help to promote this in school, but we really need your help (and stickers) to complete this promotion. So, get yourself down to Aldi, do your weekly shop, pick up a chainsaw, running clothes and some bratwurst and help us aim for the £20,000 promotion prize.

Thank you,

Mr Monteith

Thank you to Paul's Farnworth Fish Bar

This week, we have received a really useful educational resource based on the characters Barney and Echo. The resource is called 'Caught in the Web' and deals with issues surrounding internet safety and cyber bullying. Comprising of a number of books and a web-based workbook resource, the children will be following the story of Barney Eagle and Echo Squirrel who live in Treetop Forest. It is thanks to Paul's Farnworth Fish Bar that we have received these books as they sponsored them on our behalf. Next time you pop in for your 'chippy tea' please do pass on our sincere thanks for their generosity!

This week the 3 classes with the highest attendance are:



4J, 2S, 5P all 100%!!



1T 99.33%



5S 98.33%

Absolutely amazing attendance this week – we have so much to be proud of!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Mrs J. S Stillings
Headteacher

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This half term we are valuing SELF-CONTROL



Parents' / Carers' Comments Slip

I wish to make the following comments:

*Signed _____ Date: _____

*Print name: _____ Parent / Carer of: _____

(*Optional)