



Friday, 19 January 2018

Learners of the Week **Head Teacher's Remarks**

Next Week's Reminders

Another very busy week in school draws to an end. Year 2 had a fabulous time on Wednesday with their Japanese visitors. The children had so many questions and listened most attentively. I know they are really enjoying their learning on this topic. I have also seen a number of children showing me some super work.

The last stage of the installation of our new door at the end of covered way takes place today. Please note that should you wish to contact a teacher or visit lost property you will need to come to the front office. This new door makes the school building more secure – not to mention warmer – and will help to reduce our carbon footprint. As well as that it looks lovely!

Next week our Choir take part in Young Voices at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. The children have worked very hard to learn all the words and actions and we are all looking forward to the experience. I am sure it will be amazing and we wish the children well.

Some advance information regarding this term's Curriculum Week just before half term. This year we are using creative arts to work with the children to develop their understanding of Keeping Safe, including personal and cyber bullying. As in previous years we hope to invite parents to visit and see some of the work the children have done on the Friday between 8:45am and 9:45am or 2:15pm and 3:15pm. We do hope you may be able to visit.

As I mentioned last week, we have a Representative Parent Group (RPG) which meets several times of the year to discuss items with myself. (Please see last week's newsletter for the remit and Terms of Reference for this group.) We have had no expressions of interest to join the group so far; so if you feel that this is a group in which you would be interested to participate, please express your interest to the school office as soon as possible. We are limited to 30 families, and priority will be given to families to ensure we have representation from across the year groups. I do hope that more families will feel that this is something with which they could engage to help the school to move forward.

Please may I remind all families that our break-time snack policy is that from Monday to Thursday the children have fresh or dried fruit or vegetables only. On a Friday, alternative snacks may be brought, but not too unhealthy please. An increasing number of children are bringing sugar laden inappropriate snacks on a regular basis. Thank you for your support on this, as Government guidelines are increasingly insistent that schools take action to develop a culture of healthy life choices in the children.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

from YR: - Ava Brown and Emma Harding
from Y1: - Harley Gatt and Fletcher Wells
from Y2: - Isla Barber and Charlie Ruck
from Y3: - David Eeley and Ted Sladden
from Y4: - Olivia Blackwood and Megan Dowling
from Y5: - Victoria Daly and Eddie Ingram
from Y6: - Molly Buckland and Evie O'Dwyer

We are celebrating our Special Learners this year by each child having a gold star badge to wear during the following week. These badges should be worn with pride, and returned to their class teacher on the Friday morning ready to be given to the next child. Thank you for your help and support with this.

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Please note that there is no boy's football next Wednesday, 24th January 2018.

PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS NOTE

The school has an ongoing problem with head lice. Whilst not a medical issue, this is distressing and distracting for the children. Please see below the recommended wet combing method which has proven to be effective, if followed strictly, in eradicating head lice from hair.

Lotions or sprays don't need to be used for wet combing. However, to be effective, wet combing needs to be carried out regularly and thoroughly. The method you should use is described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots, with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke, and check the comb for lice.
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head is combed through.
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure.
- Repeat the procedure on days three, six, nine, 12 and 15, so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter - if everyone could follow this advice, it should bring the problem under control.