Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely half term and we are all excited about the busy term ahead as we approach Easter. This term our studies topics will be mountains in Muntjac’s Class, Otter’s Class will be finding out about megacities and the studies topic for Squirrel’s class will be continuing their topic people who help us.

Attendance 2019-2020

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%

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Attendance

Well done to the 32 children who earned 100% attendance for last term. Children have been awarded their 100% attendance badges during Tuesday’s assembly. Our whole school attendance target is 97.5%. There has been an improvement since Term 2 with the whole school achieving 95.47% in Term 3. Please help us continue to improve our school attendance.

News

Congratulations to Miss Williams on the birth of her baby boy, born on 18th February 2020. We wish them all the best.

World Book Day

The school will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 5th March. Classes will take part in activities throughout the day to celebrate. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or bring a prop from a book. The most inventive ideas will receive a prize.

We are planning for a sponsored ‘book read’, to get some new and exciting books into our classes. We couldn’t get the plans organised for this WBD, but we hope to run the scheme in the very near future!
Slips were sent at the end of last time for parents to pick time slots to discuss children’s progress. Thank you those who have already returned the slips. Appointment times will be confirmed during w/c 3.3.2020. If you haven’t already returned the slip please do so ASAP.

P.E Kits
Whilst on the subject of sports kit’s please can parents ensure all children have their PE kit in school. Besides the lesson taught by teachers during the week, we have Sports2day coming in EVERY MONDAY to provide PE lesson to all year groups. It is therefore important children have an outdoor and indoor kit available in school.

LKS2 Easter Production
It has been decided that instead of having two separate KS2 performances at Easter and at the end of the Summer term, the whole of KS2 will take part in one performance in Summer. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but after careful consideration, regarding number of children available to take part in LKS2 and UKS2 that it would be easier to accommodate all in one production.

Coffee Afternoon on Friday 6th March from 2.30
We have arranged a coffee afternoon for any parents to come along to on Friday 6th March in the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

Disco – Thursday 2nd April 5.00-6.30. £3.00 per child
The school has arranged for a Disco to take place before we break up for Easter. From now on payment will be taken at the door on the night rather than paid in advance which seems to have caused some confusion to parents. Refreshments will be provided as part of the £3.00 entrance fee. In addition children will be able to purchase sweets and glow sticks on the night. Extra money will be needed should you wish your child to make these purchases.

For the safety of all the children we must ask that children are supervised by an adult and escorted into the Ivatt Suite where a member of staff will welcome your child/ren and collect the entrance fee from the adult. If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, please inform the member of staff on the door when dropping them off. Under no circumstances should a child be dropped off in the car park and left unaccompanied. The school cannot accept responsibility for the child until they have been escorted in to school by an adult.

Code club
We would like to thank Mr. Neave for all his support over the past three years providing Code club. The skills and the interests of the children have growth tremendously, which will benefit them in the future.

Used Stamps
We have introduced a new charity initiative “Support dogs” by collecting used postage stamps. Children can bring the cut out stamps into school and place them in a collection box in the school office.

Mother’s Day Shop – 16th and 17th March
A pop-up shop will be available on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March at the start of school. There will be a range of gifts for the children to choose £2.50 each.

Sports Relief – Friday 13th March
In support of Sports Relief we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th March for a contribution to the charity.
Farm Kitchen
You may have noticed on The Farm Kitchen Parent online order system, that Friday 3rd April states we have a school trip. This is not the case. Due to the term dates changes for this term, we are the only school open that is served by The Farm Kitchen’s local kitchen. We have therefore agreed to receive a packed lunch for that day. If your child/ren receive free meals under UFSM or FSM a packed lunch will automatically be ordered for you. If, however you would prefer to provide your child with your own pack lunch PLEASE CANCEL the automatic order. This can be done by removing the tick from the online order system or alternatively you can either call (01529 460821) or send an email (enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com) directly to the Farm Kitchen requesting cancellation.

Communication — ARE YOU MISSING OUT!
Can we please remind parents that in order to receive urgent and general messages from school you need to download The Parent Hub free app from App store or Google Play. To create an account just tap “add a school” in the app and enter the school’s handle @DSNSchool
**Dates for the Diary**

Please see below some important dates for the school year. If there is anything else you need to be made aware of, we will be in touch via Parenthub.

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