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Message from the Head Teacher

Well done to all the children on their fabulous plays. They have worked really hard and thoroughly enjoyed delivering a variety of performances.

As we come to the end of the term we would like to thank all families for their support and wish everyone a very happy Christmas, and enjoyable family time.

Values Education

This month the children will be learning about the value of Patience. We will discuss how to be patient when we have something to say, and how to be patient when things don't go as planned. We will learn how to be patient with others.

We will talk about times when we could lose patience and find different strategies that we could use to help us.



Remembrance Day



It was a lovely to see so many members of the community coming together on a bright but chilly morning for The Remembrance Day service. The school were represented by Holly Rand and Gracie Jackson-Krkoska as Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. They were both so proud to be chosen to march in the parade and lay the wreath. Well done girls.

Year 4 Trip to Bletchley Park

Year 4 had an amazing day at Bletchley Park. We learnt all about the secret operations that took place there and how important the work was during World War 2. We also learnt about different types of codes and ciphers and even had a go at using a real Enigma machine.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD



Mr McGill attended an Award Ceremony in London to receive our reaccreditation of the school International Award. This highlights our commitment to International curriculum links.

This globally recognised award helps to enrich the children's learning by embedding the international activities in our schools culture.



On Friday 17th November we supported Children in Need by asking the children to come into school wearing their own Stripy or Spotty clothes. This was a great success and we are pleased to announce that in total we raised

£222.95 Thank you to everyone!

Dates for your Diary

December

- 12th Christmas lunch
Ice skating to Frosts- Foundation
13th Year 2 Carol Singing
15th Christmas Jumper Day
Year 3 Carol Concert- 2pm
18th Christmas Around the World Day

January

- 3rd Children return to school
9th Key Stage 1 and Foundation Pantomime Trip
11th Key Stage 2 Pantomime Trip

Reminders

Trip Helpers- the process

Should you wish to offer your help on a trip, please **do so by ticking the box on the trip consent form at the bottom of your child's trip letter.**

The office staff will then use the slips as an *offer* of help only at this stage.

Once all offers have been received the teaching staff and the office will fairly select the helpers required and contact you in writing to confirm. Verbal offers of help will no longer be accepted.

Payments

A polite reminder to ask that payments should always be handed to the office individually, and the correct money given. Please do not hand in various payments in one envelope.

Parent Governor Position

As the only applicant, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Amanda Hurst who has been appointed as the new parent Governor to join our Governing body. We would like to thank Paul O'Brien for all his time and hard work over the years whilst being a Parent Governor.

Sunflower Competition

Mrs Thomas was pleased to award Reece McGregor as the Winner for the tallest Sunflower which measured a fantastic 2.75m. Isabelle Oakey was awarded a close 2nd place with her sunflower measuring 2.74m. Thank you to everyone else for sending in your interesting photographs.

Reading in Unusual Places Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in our half term reading competition. It was lovely to see so many children having so much fun while they were reading. The winners for each year group are listed below, look out for certificates and prizes coming home and we shall post the pictures on the school website soon.

Busy Bees – Valentina Kemp
Foundation – Euan Smith (YFD)
Year 1 – Ben Amexheta (Y1RM)
Year 2 – William Bennett (Y2P)
Year 3 – Jake Gentle (Y3H)
Year 4 – Bethany Taylor-Law
Honourable mention to Ethan Clarke (Y2P) for reading everywhere!

Santander Bank Visit

Year 4 have been very lucky this half term as we have had visitors from Santander Bank. We have learnt all about bank accounts, how to budget and save and how to keep our money safe online. A big thank you to Mr Bennett for organising this for us.

Anti-Bullying Week 2017

As well as promoting all of our values throughout the year, Anti Bullying week in November was a great opportunity to reinforce the message about how we can approach Bullying. This included insuring that children knew what to do if they were being bullied, how being bullied makes us feel, and how to deal with it. Throughout the week we completed many activities that related to the theme 'All different, all equal' It was lovely to see the variety of odd socks worn by the children and adults on the first day. This provided a focus for discussion with the children on individual differences.



During the week commencing 20th November the School took part in the National Road Safety event. The children took part in many activities to highlight road safety awareness. This involved activities based within the school and around the local area, including how to cross a road safely.

House News

There are lots of house points to be earned, keep up the hard work everyone!

Robins



Total 368

Woodpeckers



Total 393

Goldfinches



Total 390

Kingfishers



Total 363