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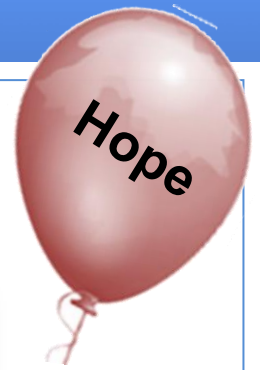
Message from the Head Teacher–

Happy New Year.

The children have returned to school with very positive attitudes, so we look forward to a successful year ahead.

Values Education

Our value this month is Hope.
“Out of hope comes the possibility of a better Life”



Important- Late arrivals

Please can you ensure children do not incur “Lates” in the register. The school doors open at **8.45am ready for registration.**

We will now be monitoring this closely. Late arrivals are disturbing for the class and phonic sessions which start at 9.05am.

Parking in the school car park & local area

Unfortunately we still have to repeat this reminder. Parking at school is very limited, and is for **Staff & School Visitors only.**

The car park is not a place to park while dropping or collecting children. **Please** help us and **do not park** in the school car park during these times.

Registration plates will be noted on occasions where this happens. Should you need to park on the street, please park legally and consider all residents. Illegal parking will be reported to the police.

Inconsiderate parking and unsafe driving outside the school has now been reported to us. As a result, we feel we have no option but to **“Name and Shame”** drivers in order to stop the parking issues.

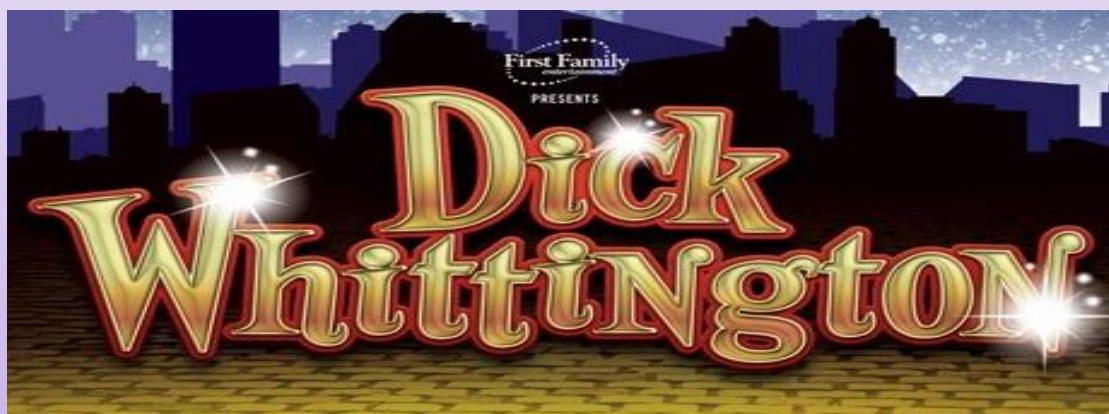
Nuts in school

Please remember we are a “Nut Free” school. School snacks and pack lunches must be healthy, and nut free. This includes products that also contain nuts including biscuits and brunch bars.

A BIG THANK YOU

To the PTFA

For all your hard work fundraising throughout the year, and for giving the children the chance to visit Milton Keynes Theatre to watch the Pantomime Dick Whittington. The children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed their experience, and had lots of laughs.



Dates for your diary

January 2017

25th Year 4 PGL meeting - 7pm

30th Story telling week

13th Half term

Monday 20th February - Spring Term Begins

Reminders

School Dinner Fees

The cost for this half term January – February will be **£61.60**.

After School Clubs

Please inform the providers if your child is not going to be attending a booked sessions. Thank you.

Paperless Communication & Online booking system

As a school we are going to trial this term paperless communication with parents. This will mean we will contact/update you as much as possible via email. Therefore, it is important that your email and contact details are up to date, and we are notified of any changes to these.

We are also pleased to announce that a new system for online appointments/consultations will launch in March.

Look out for our New Reward System

A text message will be sent to advise a parent when their child has received a merit certificate from a member of staff. This certificate can then be opened from an email.



Winter Weather Guidance

In the event of a heavy fall of snow:

- Class registration will be taken at 9.15 to allow staff and children time to travel to school;
- Children will be allowed to have fun in the snow;
- Come in Wellington/Boots – don't forget your hat, scarf and gloves;
- Bring a change of shoes;
- Bring a change of clothes (jogging bottoms are a good idea) and socks;
- If there is heavy snow during the day please listen to the radio;
- Please ring the school to advise them of arrangements for collection of your child if you are delayed;
- In the unlikely event of the school having to close a message will be posted on the school website as soon as is practical (swallowfieldlowerschool.co.uk) or listen to Heart, Chiltern or Three Counties Radio;
- On bringing your child to school please ensure that the school is open;
- Please ensure the school office has up to date contact numbers – in order to allow the text messaging service (Groupcall) to work.

House News –

There are lots of house points to be earned for this half term, keep up the hard work!

Robins



Total 554

Woodpeckers



Total 571

Goldfinches



Total 588

Kingfishers



Total 503