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Message from the Head Teacher

From this month we have introduced a Values Trophy to be awarded to one child in each Key Stage and Foundation who have demonstrated that month's value. These trophies were presented to the school by Mrs Willans as her leaving present to the children. This month we have recognised Elizabeth Leigh in Foundation, Leah Haverly in KS1 and Archie Havard in KS2 for demonstrating a great deal of thoughtfulness.

Values Education

This month we will be focusing on how to care for ourselves, our belongings and our pets. How do we care for these? How does this improve the quality of our lives? We will be discussing the importance of caring for our friends, family and others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Foundation Chicks

Foundation have had a very exciting first week back to school. They had some very special visitors kindly borrowed from the Barber family.

Foundation were given six eggs to look after and nurture until the chicks were hatched. The children were able to watch the chicks hatch, and handle them once they were born.

We would like to thank The Barber family for letting us look after the eggs, which gave the children and staff a truly wonderful experience.



Sand pit

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for raising enough funds for the new sand pit. The children are going to have many happy hours exploring the sand pit.



Bikeability gives children the skills and confidence they need, for all kinds of cycling. The children in year 4 who took part in this scheme, thoroughly enjoyed riding their bikes on the playground, and have gained lots of new cycling skills. Well done to all that took part.

Dates for your Diary

MAY

- 12th Class photos
PTFA Quiz Night
18th Year 4 Aylesbury Theatre Trip
24th Foundation Zoolab visit
25th Busy Bees' Coffee afternoon 2pm-3pm
29th Bank Holiday and Half term begins.

June

- 5th No school teacher training day.
6th Children back to school.

Reminders

Swimming

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on a Monday. All children are expected to swim as it is part of the PE curriculum and **will only be exempt with a medical note.**

Dinner money

The cost for dinner money for the ½ term is **£59.40**. Please make cheques payable to Principals Contract Catering Ltd. Or payments can be made online via the Hobbs website.

Packed Lunches

Packed lunches in school should be healthy. Please ensure that these do not contain any traces of nuts as we do have children with severe allergies. For additional guidance follow the website link below <http://media.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/2015/05/CFT-Packed-Lunch-Guidance.pdf>

Website update

The new Maths calculation policy has now been updated on the school website. This is in line with all local schools. Please take a look for the up to date information.

It is worth checking the website regularly for general updates.

Fidget Spinners

These new toys are distracting in class and can be easily mislaid therefore they are NOT allowed in school. Please make sure that these stay at home as they will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

Sunflower Growing competition

Sunflowers will soon be coming home to continue their growing journey. Please look out for them!

Attendance

Following the recent supreme-court ruling, holidays during term time will **NOT** be authorised unless there are extreme exceptional circumstances. Letters and Fixed Penalty notices will now be issued. The new policy is on the website

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Don't forget to keep bringing these into school. Speak to other family members, friends and neighbours, we need as many as we can! The children will benefit from a huge range of school equipment so keep them coming! Thank you.



Gardening News

The school Polytunnel is in bloom. The donated Waitrose "grow & sell" vegetables are growing well. We now have groups of children in charge of weed & pest control in order to keep all our vegetables and plants healthy. The Foundation children have been busy planting their "Innocent Sow & Grow" vegetables which will be coming home soon, if not already.

House News –

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

Robins



Total 1016

Woodpeckers



Total 1042

Goldfinches



Total 1070

Kingfishers



Total 1014