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WELCOME BACK AFTER THE HALF TERM BREAK!

I hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday and you are all looking forward to the next half term.

Y6 Residential Trip

Our Y6 had a very successful trip to a Kingswood Centre in Mexborough, South Yorkshire. There was singing on the coach all the way and great excitement when we arrived!

Lunch was the order of the day as soon as we got off the coach, but as soon as we'd finished, we were immediately involved in our first activity. This was a games session, to get to know our 'Director' (the leader for our stay) and to get everyone engaged and working together.

The three day's stay was superbly organised, giving opportunities for team building, problem solving and pushing personal parameters, with an overall theme of supporting and trusting each other. Each group created a 'contract' of what they wanted to achieve across the three days and how they were going to go about this. Some of the children said:

'I want to get over fears like being away from my family.'

'I'm looking forward to doing things you can't do at home.'

'I want to show bravery and courage.'

'I want to try new foods.'

'I want to get over my fear of falling.'

'I'm going to work hard to work as a team.'

There was hardly a moment of 'down-time', as the programme was packed with a wide variety of activities, taking them through to bedtime.

I would like to thank Mr Berry for organising and leading the residential, Miss Moore and Mr Hutchinson for giving up their own time to lead their groups and Mrs Foulger and Mrs Ward, for all the admin it too to get us there!

It was a privilege to be part of the class and to spend those three days with our Y6 pupils. There were some stand-out moments and polite, considerate child, who were a pleasure to be with.

If nothing else, your child should now be able to make and strip their own beds!

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Staff News

At the end of last half term, we said 'goodbye' to Mr Hutchinson. He has gone on to work with excluded children and we know they are getting one of the best people possible to support this project.

Y2 Teacher news

After a rigorous morning of teaching, tasks and interviews, I am delighted to share with you know, that Mr Hillman has been appointed to teach Y2 from January 2023. He has extensive experience in Lower School and as part of a primary school. In the next few weeks, we will invite Mr Hillman into school to meet the children properly and to have a thorough handover from Mr Scott.



| YTD | 05-Sep | 12-Sep | 19-Sep | 26-Sep | 03-Oct | 10-Oct | 17-Oct |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 204 | 204 | 204 | 204 | 205 | 204 | 204 |
| 95.5% | 97.1% | 96.7% | 95.5% | 94.9% | 93.6% | 96.3% | 95.0% |

We have a school target of 97% attendance. You will see from the chart we have not been unable to reach that target each week.

A special mention goes to 96 of our children, who have achieved 100% attendance since September.

The class with the highest attendance this term is Y3 – 97.7% - well done and keep it up!

Parent Consultations

Details will be finalised for these meetings when we return to school.

Apologies to Y6 parents, who have had the dates changed a couple of times.

Please be aware the parent consultations for Y6 are now:

Mon 7th Nov – 2-6pm – face to face.

Tue 8th Nov – 2-6pm – virtual.

Open Tray afternoon – New Date/Event

For those parents opting for a virtual parent consultation, we are holding an 'open tray' afternoon, for you to come and look at your child's books.

Wednesday 16th November – 3.25-4pm.

Please collect your child and then come back into school, as this helps us safeguard all the children and get them to where they need to be, before the adults are in the corridors. Thank you.



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Lost Property

Please ensure all clothing and other property is named! School has collected 6 bags of unnamed uniform and other items of property from within our school over the last two terms – it must have once belonged to some of our 205 children! We match up named items with their owner but we still have an incredible amount.

Our School Association has taken much of the unnamed items home to wash, so these can be sold or taken by families. There will be more information coming out to you about this initiative. In the meantime, I would like to thank the School Association for their time and electricity!



We Are A Nut Free School

Please remember that we have a number of children with food allergies and so ask that no products containing nuts are brought into school. Please check ingredients lists on chewy bars etc. to be certain. Thank you.

Social Media and Your Child

The link below takes you to a really useful article to help answer parents' questions about how to keep their child safe around social media.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-getting-started-on-social-media/>

Class Assembly – Y3

Thank you to Mrs. Bateman and Y3, for presenting the first class assembly since 2019! Please check your dates list (sent out by Pupil Asset email – hard copies in school if required), so you don't miss any of our other events.

Reading Cafes

We're pleased to be able to invite parents in for their child's class reading café, too. Sharing learning with our school community has been missed and we hope these help you with supporting your child at home.

Admission into Foundation class 2023/24

If you have a child who will be starting school next September you will need to register them with Norfolk admissions. Further details are available on the Norfolk Admissions website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions or by phoning 0344 800 8020. You can apply online at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk – details and links are also on our website.



School Association – Quiz and Picnic

Have you got your team together and booked your table!

Just a quick reminder this event is taking place on Friday 11th November.



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Class 6 Cake Sale

This Friday (04.11.22) in the hall. Parents and children are welcome to purchase cakes and all proceeds go to Y6, who will decide collectively, how to spend the money raised. Details to follow from the School Association.



Book Fair

A really big thank you to everyone who bought books from our recent Book Fair. We sold enough books to have approximately £400 worth of new books for the school. The Library Team Brilliant!



Can you help?

Could you spare some time to help us in school this year? If so, please let the office or your class teacher know. You might love the outdoors and want to help in our Forest School or cooking may be your passion and you would be happy to help with a food tech project!

We very much welcome parents and grandparents supporting us in school. Following our safeguarding procedures, all volunteers must have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. We can do this in school and volunteers' DBS checks are free.

Emergency Contact Information

Have youchanged job?..... moved house?.....got a new mobile number?
Have you told us?

Eco-friendly Christmas Cards

A reminder from our environmentally Rather than send out school, please send one card in to be displayed in the classroom for everyone to share.



Green Team that we would like to have an friendly Christmas at school. lots of Christmas cards to all your classmates at

It would be great if your card was created out of recycled material to really keep the environmental theme going!



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