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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed lots of visitors into school. This has included governors of the school, who have been coming in to work alongside our subject leaders to look at learning in different subjects. In addition, our SEP (School Excellence Partner) has also visited the school to look at the work we are doing in writing. All visitors have been very impressed with the quality of work that they have seen.

The positive impact of our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle, has been particularly noted to be improving both reading and writing standards in the lower school. As we are now halfway through the second year of embedding this new scheme, we are starting to see the impact in Lower Key Stage 2. Thank you to all staff and families for their ongoing hard work and support.

We are now looking at how we can further improve handwriting and presentation.

Yours sincerely
Holly Marchand
Headteacher

Y3/4 Share Afternoon

On the afternoon of Monday 26th January, we invited parents and grandparents to join the Y3/4 children in completing their Design & Technology projects. For our projects, we created either a purse, pencil case or glasses case. It was a really lovely afternoon and the final products look fantastic. Thank you to our parents and families for supporting this event.



English Superheroes

On Monday 26th January, the Y3/4 children had some exciting visitors in their English lesson. In line with the superhero narrative we are planning this half term, Powerful Punctuation, Grammar Girl and Ferocious Full Stops entered the building, and helped save the sentence structures!



Y1/2 PE Festival



On Tuesday 27th January, 12 children from KS1 attended a PE/Healthy Eating Festival at Adventure Island. The children all made the absolute most of every activity and had a fantastic time exploring the challenges. The children were super representatives of our school.

Food Alert

Huge congratulations to Jennie Mathews and her team in the school kitchen, for being awarded Double Gold in their recent Food Alert audit, and a 5 star hygiene rating in a recent unannounced food hygiene audit.

The Squirrels breakfast and after school club has also gained a 5 star hygiene rating in recent weeks.



Diary Dates



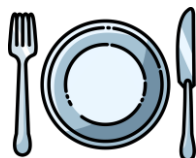
Tue 10 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 13 th Feb	FOS Non School Uniform Day
Fri 13 th Feb	FOS Meeting—1.30/Cake Sale 3.15
Mon 16 th Feb	Half term week
Thu 5 th March	World Book Day
Mon 16 th Mar	Parents' Evening
Tue 17 th Mar	Parents' Evening
Thu 19 th Mar	Parents' Evening
Fri 27 th March	FOS Meeting—1.30/Cake Sale 3.15
Fri 27 th March	FOS Non School Uniform Day
Fri 27 th March	Visit to Church
Fri 27 th March	Last day of Spring term
Mon 13 th April	First day of Summer term
Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday
W/c 11 th May	Y6 SATS week
Fri 15 th May	FOS Meeting—1.30
W/c 18 th May	Science week
Mon 25 th May	Half term week
Mon 8 th June	Sports Day
Fri 19 th June	FOS Non School Uniform Day
Fri 19 th June	FOS Cake Sale—3.15
Fri 19 th June	Summer Fete
Mon 29 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 1 st July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Tue 7 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Thu 9 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Fri 10 th July	Reports out to Parents
Fri 10 th July	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 10 th July	FOS Meeting—1.30
Mon 13 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+ Parents)
Fri 17 th July	Visit to Church
Fri 17 th July	Last day of Summer term

School Lunch Choices

Please may we ask you to talk to your child about their lunch choice for the day, particularly if they have a packed lunch in their bag and might not be aware of it.

Hot meals which are ordered in the morning are prepared by the kitchen and charged for, and the school is currently picking up the charge for meals cancelled at late notice.

If we could work together to avoid this happening in the future, it would be much appreciated.



Y6 SATs

Thank you to the Y6 parents who attended the Y6 SATs information meeting on Monday 19th January. For those of you who were unable to attend, we have emailed out a copy of the presentation slides for your reference.