



Summer Newsletter 3 12/05/2017

Dear Parents,

A big well done to all the Year 6 children who undertook their SATS this week! Thank you also to the parents for their help and support. The children worked extremely hard and gave their best throughout. Mrs Garnett and I were especially impressed with the maturity they displayed during the tests. Congratulations Year 6 children – we are very proud of you!

In class this week

Holly Class

Reception class have been making pairs of numbers that add up to 5 and 10. Year 1 have been adding three simple numbers together and finding the missing number. In Literacy, the children have been reading 'The Night Pirates'. They made pirate 'Wanted!' posters and have been continuing to find out about all things 'pirate'.

Oak Class

Oak class and Year 5 have been busy with adventures in the woods this week. On day one of their outdoor learning, they looked at the story Mr Stink and created their own Mr Stink character out of the natural resources they could find in the woodland area. They also built houses for him to live in. On day two, they studied habitats and put together their own bug cities. Day three was based on David Walliams' 'Billionaire Boy' and the children designed and made Formula 1 racing cars. The aim of the activities was to develop team-working skills. Mr Jackson was very pleased that all the children participated fully and the teams made some fantastic creations. In Topic lessons, the children have been learning about Viking treasure including the ancient Danegeld money. In Science, Oak class have been learning about food groups, nutrition and the human skeleton.

Sycamore Class

Year 6 undertook SATS exams this week, while Year 5 joined Mr Jackson for outdoor learning. Sycamore class have also been busy preparing presentations for the Young Innovators Challenge. In Literacy, the children have been summarising the first part of Kensuke's Kingdom and picking out ambitious words to improve their vocabulary for story-writing. In Maths, they have been studying percentages and fractions. In their Topic lessons, the children have been looking at Viking clothes and designing their own Viking-style outfits.

ALL CLASSES

All classes will be taking part in the school Summer Show in July, 'Pirates versus Mermaids'; performance date to be confirmed. Auditions will take place on Monday next week.

Swimming Payments

There are still a number of swimming payments outstanding for this half-term. The contribution we are seeking towards the costs of lessons and transport is £12 per child – please send in on Monday if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

Life Education Centre Visit

The Life Education Centre will be visiting school on Wednesday next week (17th May). Parents and governors are invited to come and have a look in the Centre between **8.50am and 9.15am**. The topics to be covered are 'Meet the Brain', 'Friends' and 'My Wonderful Body'. The children will explore these subjects in a fun and interactive way. Healthy Harold zip tags will be available to purchase at £1 each if your child wishes to bring their pocket money in that day (please put in a named envelope).

As the 'bus' will be parked in the bay outside school that day, please take extra care when arriving or leaving school by car, as visibility onto the main road may be obscured. Thank you.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Friday 19th May. Please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform and remembers to brush their hair! Thank you.

E-safety

Miss Geeson has prepared some e-safety guidance for parents, which includes some useful links. Please see overleaf.

Roll of Honour

Liberty Mears successfully passed her karate belt this week, being told that her moves were perfect and there was nothing they could mark her down on. Liberty is now the proud owner of her first black belt (black with 1 white stripe). Well done Libby, we are very proud of you!

A J Faulkner also had an exciting sporting success this week, when his football team – the Mowbray Rangers Jaguars – won the Under-11 County Cup. They won by 5 goals to 2 and A-J scored twice. Congratulations A-J!

All Stars Cricket

Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is getting ready to take part in All Stars Cricket, a programme that was launched nationally by the ECB at the end of March designed to give 5-8 year olds a fun entry into cricket. Session start on Friday 19th May, taking place from 5-6pm and running for 8 weeks. The cost for the 8 weeks is £40 which includes each participant receiving a personalised All Stars Cricket branded pack consisting of a cricket bat, ball, shirt, cap, backpack and water bottle. Players can register online at allstarscricket.co.uk or contact dimcquillan_2@hotmail.com for further information.

Leicester City Girls Regional Talent Club

We have received information about forthcoming trials for Leicester City Girls RTC in early June. Please email the office if you would like further details.

Staffing News

Our longest-serving, much-loved member of staff, Premises Officer Mrs Boylan, has decided that the time has come for her to retire, to have the well-earned rest and time with family that she deserves! We will all be very sad to see her go but are sure she will still pop in to keep an eye on us all. Her vacancy will be advertised shortly and she is hoping to finish at the end of the summer if a replacement can be found. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Boylan for all her hard work and dedication to Waltham Primary School over many years. Further information about a leaving gift collection, etc. will be sent out later in the term.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.



E-Safety Guidance from Miss Geeson

Social Media – Be Kind Campaign!

The ITV show 'This Morning' has started a 'Be Kind' campaign to promote awareness to parents and children about the dangers of social media and bullying.

Our children are growing up in a world where social media is becoming more and more apparent. It is vitally important that our children are aware of the dangers to themselves but also to understand that their actions on social media have consequences. Now many children /teenagers have their own mobile phones they have the potential to be bullied 24/7 and have no escape.

Most social media apps such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram have a minimum age of 13, however we are aware that some children in Y5/6 are already using social media. I would urge any parent to review the video put together by the 'This Morning' campaign to highlight the consequences of social media and think about sharing the video with your children who are in Y5 or 6 or at secondary school, when you feel it is appropriate to do so. The video is very powerful and hard hitting and would need careful discussion with children afterwards.

The video can be found at:

<http://www.itv.com/thismorning/hot-topics/pledge-to-share-our-anti-bullying-message>

If you have any worries over your child being bullied or bullying other children via social media please speak to a member of staff.

E-Safety:

On the website, we will be adding weblinks to access guides for parents on three popular apps which we believe some older children in school are using at home; these are:

* Instagram

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/instagram-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

* Snapchat

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

* YouTube

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/youtube-tips-and-tricks-to-keep-your-children-entertained-and-safe/>

They have vital information for parents and carers to keep your child safe when using the internet.