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Whole School Newsletter Term 3 2018

Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back and may I wish everyone a happy new year.

Our value this month is responsibility and during our first assembly we have shared with the children the importance of taking responsibility to be at school every day and on time. Tomorrow is the final day for the children to bring in poster entries featuring SAM (School Attendance Matters), our school attendance dog, encouraging the children to be on time for school.

Friday 12th January is mufti day for Hawking (yellow) house as they achieved the highest total of merits for good work last term.

How to support your child to be safe online: Tuesday 30th January 9:00am & 6:00pm

This is probably the most important parent information session to attend this year for your child's safety, protection and emotional wellbeing. This is a session for adults so any parents, grandparents or carers are welcome to attend. Several families have said one parent is attending each session, or they are coming together, so that both parents get to the information, share the responsibility and are able to support each other.

You may like to view this clip

<https://media.preziusercontent.com/media/1/b/6/3b2891d21e21871cb44ea728e634fc66687fa.mp4>

which highlights the incredible pace of change and the all-encompassing nature of social media.

Healthy Eating: Be food Smart

Change 4 Life have launched a major campaign to encourage parents and children to download the Food Scanner App and use it when they are shopping to see if the snacks they buy are less than 100 calories. It is recommended that children have no more more than two 100 calorie snacks a day. To support this campaign, we have scanned the snacks currently available for the children to buy at playtime from our snack trolley. Sadly most of them failed the test, so a group of children are going to research and purchase suitable ones we can sell. This will mean that in order to ensure all our snacks are healthy, the prices are likely to increase. We will inform you when that happens. We will also be encouraging the children to 'scan a snack' they bring in from home to ensure it passes the test.



Maths with Parents

We are seeing a very positive impact in class on those children who have been accessing the maths videos and games at home. A small number of parents have still not signed up yet so I strongly urge you to do so www.mathswithparents.com . Please ask your child's teacher or at the office for your child's class code and all you need is an email address.

Next Wednesday Tom Harbour, the creator of Maths with Parents, is coming into school to video some of our Year 5 and 6 children explaining the maths they are learning; so hopefully we will see them starring in the videos soon.

Book Review Competition – closing date Wednesday 17th January

Mrs Hall, our librarian, would like to thank the children who have brought in a review so far; however if your child hasn't done one yet there is still time to enter. The children have to read three books and then write a review of their favourite. There is a template to use (parents may write for the younger children) which is attached to this letter or can be obtained from the library.

Phonics support session

In Year 1 all children have to undertake a challenging phonic assessment, and if they don't pass they have to retake it in Year 2. Miss Heygate is holding two parent information sessions on **Tuesday 23rd January (3:30pm & 5:30pm)** to explain how you can support your child to learn their sounds and achieve the required standard. KS1 parents, and any EYFS parents who may wish to find out what's in store in Year 1, would certainly find it most beneficial to attend.

Starting School September 2018

A reminder that the closing date for applications is Monday 15th January; you must apply for a place before that date even if an older sibling attends the school already. Late application may mean your child misses out on a place even if they live in Irchester.

Lab 13: Tiny world project

Thank you to all the parents who completed the microscope homework and sent in a blown up image of an everyday object. These pictures have now been displayed outside Lab 13 and will be sent home too so you can take part in the 'what is it?' quiz together. The children have produced some excellent work based on using the microscopes last term. This work is displayed in the KS1 hall, so please take a look.

SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disability) Parent Support Group meeting

The first meeting of our SEND parent support group is on Thursday 18th January from 2pm – 3pm in the training room: cakes and refreshments will be provided. Please come along as we need your input to make sure that we are planning to meet the needs of our SEND children.

Parking

PCSO Donna Fenner, our new community police officer, will be monitoring parking around school to ensure parents are showing due care and consideration to local residents, other road users and most importantly the children's safety.

Finally a date for your diary - after half term parents evenings will be on Monday 26th February 3:30 – 5:30pm and Tuesday 27th February 5:00 – 7:00pm.

Regards

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Head teacher

