Friday News 07.06.24

I am very pleased that the sun has returned for the second half of the summer term and what a busy term it is already building up to be. We have already had 3 trips and there are many more planned for the rest of the term. As I am writing this, Year 2 are currently in Sudbury learning about all the different job opportunities in the area and some of year 5 and 6 are out at a football tournament with Miss Balaam. Year 1 and 2 went for a short walk to look at the post box topper outside the village shop as it commemorates 80 years since the D-Day landings. They learnt a little bit about D-Day before going to see it. The children were amazed by the creation and really enjoyed learning about this very important moment in history. Year 3 had their summer trip to Foxearth. They too were blown away by how different the landscape was compared to the Autumn term.

Skipping day

On Monday we have a Jump rope workshop day where each class will have a session with the coach learning different skipping techniques and games. We have plenty of skipping ropes in school to use at break and lunchtimes and hope this will inspire the children to get active and take up some skipping.

Normal uniform for this session but can children please ensure that they are wearing shorts or trousers as part of their uniform with no skirts of dresses please as they can get caught up in the ropes. (Black cycling shorts for girls with the normal school top will be completely fine.) They will also need to wear trainers. The whole school will have a short assembly at the end of the day as well.

Attendance

We achieved **94.3%** attendance this week which is the current national average. Year 2 are our attendance champions this week as they achieved 99.6% attendance! They were closely followed by Year 4 in 2nd place with 98.5% and Year 5 in 3rd place with 97.4%.

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts"

Staff car park

Just a reminder for those who are dropping off / collecting from birds, the car park is for staff use only. We've had a few near misses with staff cars recently by parents who are swinging into the car park at speed or blocking spaces which are very limited. There is plenty of on street parking available at that time of day. Please use it.

Zones of regulation

We have been using zones of regulation with the pupils since January and it has had a very positive impact on the children being able to talk about how they are feeling and ensuring they are able to regulate their emotions more. I have attached a letter explaining more about this for you.

Pal World

Pal World is an online game similar to Minecraft. It has been highlighted to schools as a potential risk for young pupils as it is known to contain some inappropriate adult content. Please see the attached poster for your information.

Key dates

10th - 14th June - Phonics Screening checks (year 1)

10th June - Jump Rope Workshop Day

21st June - Year 6 to Mercury Theatre - Industry Day

2nd July - Year 4 trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford

3rd July - Royal Shakespeare Company performance (year 5)

5th July - Year 2 & 5 to Felixstowe

5th July - Summer Fair

8th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly pm (more details to follow)

9th July - Sports Day am (timings and more details to follow later)

11th July - Reports out to parents

16th July - Transition morning in school for pupils to meet their teacher for next year

16th July - Meeting the teacher drop in after school 3:15 - 3:45 an opportunity for

you to meet your child's teacher for the following year

17th July - Purple and Gold reading non uniform

19th July - Last day of term

Happy weekend everyone!

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"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them"

MATTHEW 19:14