

Friday News - 29.09.2023

What a busy week in school! Thank you for supporting the Make Rules Day. There are many extra sparkly, colourful children in school today.

Author Visit

We welcomed the author Steve Clifford this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed his workshops throughout the school from Antarctica to Asia. I have read some of the stories that were inspired by his workshops and I was really proud of their writing. We could hear laughter coming from every class he entered. He really had an amazing way with the children and it was such a special event to have in school. Thank you to the parents who have purchased books. We do now have a set of his novels for the older children and Mrs Hutchings is getting these into the library as soon as possible for all to enjoy.

Year 2 trip

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Gainsborough House. Thank you to all parents who were able to drop off and pick up as it really helps to enable the trip to happen in a far more cost-effective way. A huge thank you as well to the parents who helped on the day. I spoke to the children to get some feedback from them. They commented on how special it was in Gainsborough's House to see all of the real paintings. Mrs Hutchings commented on how silent they were when they walked into the gallery; they knew it was a special place. Another highlight was also the visit to the library where they got to bring home a book to enjoy.

Harvest

Thank you for all of the very generous donations for harvest. We will gather them together to give to the church. The school is very much looking forward to our harvest festival in the church on Monday.

Sports

A reminder that Miss Balaam is compiling her PESSPA newsletter which will be sent out at the end of every half term. Please don't forget to keep us updated on your child's sporting achievements outside of school. We also welcome any sporting achievements from parents as well! We have already had our first sporting fixture last Friday where our Year 6 football team played against our local rivals Acton Primary. The children play exceptionally well and we were proud of their sporting behaviour, even with a very narrow defeat. Well done team!

A few reminders:

PE

A reminder of PE kit. This should be a pale blue t-shirt with black or navy bottoms and trainers. These should be Velcro for younger children who can't tie their laces please. I am sure that you can understand that having to tie 30 pairs of shoes laces throughout the day takes up a considerable amount of adult time. The children do love to untie their laces when they're sat on the carpet.

Earrings

Earrings should be small stud only in school.

We have had further advice from the Association for Physical Education Safe Practice in Physical Education & School Sport held in school to say that on PE days these **MUST** be removed. If your child is unable to remove them themselves, they need to not wear earrings to school on that day. These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children.

Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in physical education lessons is an unnecessary

risk and should be avoided at all times. Serious accidents have occurred as a result of contact between pupils wearing earrings or studs and other pupils or equipment, thus damaging the ear, or where items of jewellery have caught in apparatus and torn the ear lobe. Covering with tape or plasters is not sufficient to mitigate this risk.

Hair

A reminder that hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up. It helps to keep it out of your child's face when they are learning enabling them to concentrate as well as helps to prevent the spread of lice in school.

Bottles

Thank you to the majority of parents who are sending their children in with water in their bottles. Please ensure that your child just has water in their bottle. We have had a few instances where bottles have been spilt this week and it has not just been water.

Have a happy weekend all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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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