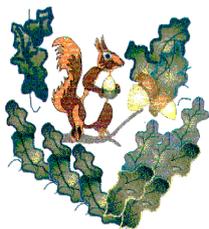


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Friday 11th November 2022

News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 have had a busy week, leading two whole school assemblies. On Wednesday they wowed us (and their parents) with a presentation about their Term 1 Science learning. They shared lots of interesting facts about animals, their habitats and adaptation. Who knew that pandas eat small rodents?



They concluded the week on a more solemn note, leading our whole school reflections for Remembrance Day, ahead of us all observing two minutes silence at 11am.

Many thanks to all who have supported The Royal British Legion Poppy appeal in school.

This week's achievements

Along with the awards of our Head Teacher Certificates and Loric awards, in celebration assembly this week Mrs Lavelle (PTA chair person) announced the winners of the Halloween Colouring Competition and presented them with their well-deserved prizes. Every entry was amazing; clearly a lot of effort had gone into every entry. Check out our twitter account for the photo call.

The Class Attendance Award this week goes to Dormice whose attendance was 98.48% - Well done! The government expects that most children's attendance will be in line with the national average (96%) and therefore sets high expectations for schools to support those whose attendance causes concerns. This week's whole school attendance fell to 93.13%. This is below the DfE's expectations – please help us to achieve the standards which Ofsted would judge to be good and avoid all unnecessary absence from school. Thank you.

Your School Needs You



Governing boards form part of the leadership team of the school. Their role is to set the long-term vision for the school – what your child will leave the school knowing and having done. They support and challenge the headteacher to make sure that the school is successful for all pupils. This includes ensuring that the staff, money and premises are well cared for and best used.

The board is made up of local people – including parents – who come together to oversee the school and to keep it on the right path. Think about their role as being 'eyes on, hands off'.

I have been advised by the Chair of Governors that a vacancy for a parent governor has arisen and will soon be advertised.

All governors are volunteers and do not receive any payment for their work, which can be challenging and demanding. School governing bodies are keen to attract people in the community who can bring energy, experience and fresh ideas. You may be put off from applying because you think you need to be an expert in education. Not so - interest, enthusiasm and commitment are much more important. Everyone has something that they can offer.

As many people may not have even considered taking up the role, I thought that I would let you know of the forthcoming recruitment drive so that you might have time to consider if this is something that you might like to get involved with. If so, please watch out for future correspondence in this regard.

Squirrels Wrap Around Care Club update

All booking for our breakfast and after school club services now need to be made via our online booking and payment service – ParentPay. If your child is not booked in via the system will not accept them into breakfast club. If your child is not booked in for after school club, please ensure that you collect them promptly at the end of the day 3.15pm.

We do realise that the school's move to a cashless system has presented a significant change and appreciate that change is not always easy to navigate. If you have not already registered for ParentPay, please contact the office – they will be happy to help you. We recognise that with all things new there will be teething troubles, so please do bear with us. The system is much more efficient than the old manual system and ensures that unexpected debts do not arise. Similarly, it reduces the administration times and costs in school of creating invoices and chasing unpaid debts. We appreciate your support with the new system. Many thanks.

Residential Trips – Bookings are now live on ParentPay

There are still a small number of places available on the Key Stage 2 residential trips.

Bats and Robins are able to enjoy Fenland whilst Foxes and Owls can enjoy five days of adventure and teambuilding at PGL Caythorpe.



NEXT FRIDAY – 18th November 2022

Children in Need

Please come dressed in spots or yellow clothing. Donations for this and booking and donations for the 'Bear Pong' fund raising can be made via ParentPay or cash on the day. As we move forward to a cashless school, we will be listing future charity events on ParentPay – this ensures no money is lost from pockets or bags and transfer to the charity is swift.

Community Larder Project

A quick reminder that we are able to provide small food bags to any of our families who might find themselves in need of such support. Tinned items and dried food goods are available. If you need to access this support, please email into enquiries@fleetwoodlane.lincs.sch.uk. Be assured your request will be handled confidentially.



Nativity Dates

In case you missed this news last week, this year, Dormice Class will be presenting their own EYFS nativity with Otters and Hedgehogs working together to present a Key Stage 1 Christmas performance. Therefore, it is important that you make a note of the performance dates.

Tuesday 13th December 5.30pm – Evening performance of EYFS -Dormice

Wednesday 14th December 5.30pm – Evening performance of KS1 Hedgehogs and Otters



Staff Training Day

Please remember that the school will be closed on Friday 25th November 2022.

Parking and Road Safety

Please observe the safety controls in place at drop off and pick up. Please do not stop/park anywhere on the zig zag yellow lines. This is a clear space – please respect this for the safety of all of the children arriving and leaving school.

As always, if you have any queries or comments regarding the contents of this letter, or any other aspect of the school's operations, please do contact us directly. In the unfortunate situation that you feel that we have not addressed a concern you have raised, you are able to escalate your concerns through our complaints policy. This can be found on the school website. Of course, we hope that you do not have the necessity to refer to this. We wish to work with you, so will strive to meet your needs.

Your faithfully,

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher