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Message from Mr Hingley

We have been busy in school this week and I can't quite believe it is already Friday. We are coming to the point in the academic year when we naturally look forwards to the summer break and towards our new beginnings. We are also at that point when we all seem to be extremely busy, a little bit tired and definitely very hot! We have lots of things to look forward to in school before we break up, such as sports days, trips to the theatre, trips out, productions, projects in school and lots of other things! I am really looking forward to coming into school tomorrow to work with our friends from the Union Baptist Church on improving some aspects of the school. Last year they worked tirelessly on lots of gardening and this year they are doing more of the same, with the development of our calm room added to the jobs list.

I must also note that your children have been working very hard. As you know we have an array of tests that we have to complete at this time of year. KS1 and KS2 SATS are all complete, Year 1 have just completed all of their phonics assessments and Year 4 have just finished their multiplication tables checks. Well done everyone for all of your very hard work. We are so proud of you!

We have also had quite a few visitors in school this week. I have been overwhelmed by all of the compliments about our pupils' behaviour and kindness. All of our visitors have also said how welcome our pupils have made them feel. This is a credit to you as parents and the support you continue to give to our school.

Reading

Please remember to sign your child's planner. Many of you are reading at home with your children, so do please sign to say you have done this. Please also make sure that you are sharing reading at home. An obvious time for this is at bed time, as part of your child's bedtime routine. This time is precious and even though it may feel as though your child in Year 6 is too old for this, you will never get the time back, so please do keep reading with each other for as long as possible. Again, thank-you for your continuing support. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

The evidence has become so overwhelming that social scientists now consider read-aloud time one of the most important indicators of a child's prospects in life.

- Meghan Cox Gurdon



Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Ioana, for settling in well to our classroom and beginning to gain an understanding of our routines.

YEAR ONE

Year 1

They have all blown us away with their phonics screenings' this week and have continued to make fantastic progress with their behaviour choices. We continue to be so proud of Year 1 - keep it up!

YEAR TWO

Aliza for showing resilience and reaching level 3 in Cracking Times Tables. Well done Aliza for not giving up.

YEAR THREE

C'Jay - he has really pushed himself in his work and is always volunteering to help around the classroom. Well done C'Jay.

YEAR FOUR

Sareena - for working hard across all subjects and taking pride in her work. The presentation of her work is impeccable and always makes it a pleasure to read.

YEAR FIVE

Lily M

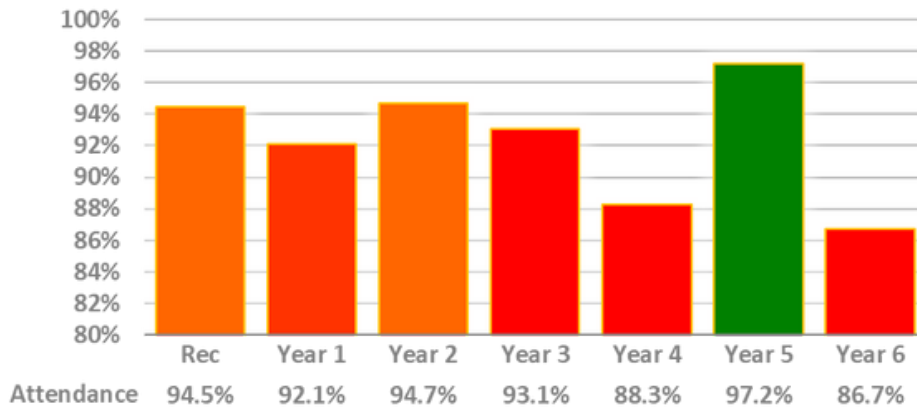
For an excellent diary extract during writing, which was interesting, funny and had many of the features we had asked for.

YEAR SIX

Cassie for always putting in 100% of her effort into everything she does

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Hannah Ball Attendance this week.....



Well done to Year 5 for winning the attendance trophy and class prize again this week!

When do I need to submit a leave of absence request?

If your child will be absent, other than for standard medical, dental, orthodontist appointments or musical instrument examinations, you must request a leave of absence, rather than just informing the school that your child will be absent. This should be done at least 4 weeks in advance and not on the day of the absence. The leave of absence request form must be requested from the office and be from a parent/legal guardian, not from a third party, e.g. a Scout Leader, External Sports Coach. The absence will then be considered by a member of the senior leadership team and you will be informed of the outcome within 5 school days. Leave of absence taken without authorisation may result in prosecution proceedings or a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Mrs Sullivan-Attendance Officer

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been busy continuing our learning about creatures that live in a rockpool and using our story map to retell our story - Sharing a Shell. We have also introduced a new maths aid to help us with our counting called a Rekenrek. We have been learning how to move the beads in the right direction and how to reset it after every use. Thank you for your support in sending your children in with sunhats and applying sun cream in the mornings. If your child has not got a sunhat, please purchase one as the weather is getting hotter and our children have access to the outside area all day. Also remember to make sure your child has a water bottle everyday and that it is fresh water only, not flavoured or squash. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE

In Year 1 this week we have had lots of fun in English learning about our new story 'Dinosuars and all that rubbish'. We have used our adjectives to describe our characters and what they have been up to in our story sequencing and have finished our week off by acting out our story in groups. In Maths we continued to learn about multiples and division and have had lots of fun sharing counters and cubes equally. In History we got a bit messy making our very own salt dough fossils and in Science this week we had to draw around our friends on the playground and label our main body parts. Yellow Homework books have been sent home today with this week's spellings and Mathletics is still available online.

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR TWO

We have had a busy week in Year 2 and the children have been working extremely hard in the heat! In English the children have continued their topic based around the book 'The Secret of the Black Rock'. They acted out key parts from the story in groups, wrote questions to ask the main character and came up with adjectives to help them write character descriptions. In Maths, the children finished their topic on fractions by learning how to find three quarters and how to count up fractions to make a whole. In science, the children completed a really interesting investigation! They explored what condition was the most suitable for a woodlice. They split a tray into 4 sections (wet black paper, dry black paper, dry white paper and wet white paper), collected a woodlice from outside and observed which section that their woodlice went to. The majority of the class found out that woodlice prefer damp and dark conditions. In history, the children started looking at famous pirates. They chose one of these pirates and made a 'Wanted' poster for them. They used the method of 'tea staining' to make their work like it was from a long time ago. The children really enjoyed this lesson! Well done on a great week Year 2.

YEAR THREE

Another busy week in Year 3. In Maths we are learning Time. Pupils are reading analogue clocks to tell the time to the minute. If you have a spare clock at home, the pupils would love to keep learning how to tell the time. In English we are on our new story 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory', the children are really enjoying it. They had to write a character description of Charlie and they were coming up with some really good adjectives to do this. In Science, we are looking at the topic Forces and Magnets. In topic, the students are creating a poster about why Vitamin C is important, following on from them learning about James Lind. It is important that students read at home so please keep doing this and writing in their planners. Mathletics is a really good maths tool, this helps develop their learning alongside what they have been doing in class, I am encouraging parents to please support the pupils doing this at home. If this isn't possible or they don't have their logins, please let me or the office know. Another week down, looking forward to next week. Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have been working very hard this week demonstrating our school's value of resilience despite the hot weather which can make them feel very tired and difficult to concentrate. In English, we have been learning all about poetry and how we can use words that rhyme. The class found this very tricky as this is their first time. If you can support your child in reading some poetry at home, this would be great and will help them become familiar with them. In Maths, we have come to the end of our unit in decimals. In our final lesson, we learnt what the equivalent fractions for $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ are and how to write these as decimals. The class have also been practicing their timestables daily in preparation for the timestables assessments that are taking place over this week and next. Well done year 4 for all your hard work this week. Have a great weekend and remember to stay hydrated!

YEAR FIVE

Maths:

Towards the end of next week we will be starting our new topic: Decimals. We have touched on this topic in relation to fractions, and percentages. We will post some tasks on Mathematics to get you started.

English:

Next week we will be starting a new text, it tackles some important life issues - more details to come...

Homework:

Learning Activity: To find facts about an allotment and design your own allotment. It might be futuristic? or small or terraced like the picture below.

Spellings : Based on our Topic - Allotments

Reading: Please continue to sign and check your children have read regularly.

Many thanks

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear



YEAR SIX

Well done year 6 for another great week. In maths, we've completed our unit on statistics which focused on drawing pie charts and calculating the mean of a set of a given data. Next week we will begin our final unit which is shape and will focus on measuring and calculating angles. In English, we have continued our work on Macbeth where the focus has been writing letters as Macbeth. writing conversations between characters to move the action forward and creating a pie chart to decide which character is most to blame for the death of the king. We had some very interesting debates and opinions around this and it was wonderful to see the passion in the arguments made! Year 6 have also been enjoying their Thursday afternoon swimming lesson - even more so due to the heat.

Please remember next week is water safety week so year 6 will need to bring light, loose fitting pyjamas or a large, loose t shirt along with their regular swimming kit for next weeks session.

NOTICES

Please see below for our currently most needed items. Donations still aren't keeping up with demand and we have recently had to order in baked beans and soup which we haven't needed to do for a long time! We are particularly keen to receive healthy options which are so beneficial to our clients. To download a printable copy please [click here](#).



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ONE CAN TRUST FOODBANK!

Here's a list of the most urgently required items for families and individuals in need of food support.

Tinned fish (<small>ideally oily fish: mackerel / sardines / salmon</small>)	Brown rice (500g)
Tinned tomatoes	Wholemeal pasta (500g)
Tinned vegetables	Tinned meat meals
Tinned potatoes	Tinned ham / corned beef
Tinned pulses	Toiletries: Shampoo, Toothbrushes
Tinned fruit	UHT milk
Pasta & cooking sauces	Size 5/6/7 nappies (<small>no smaller sizes needed</small>)

SORRY WE CAN'T ACCEPT:
Alcohol, homemade food, opened packets, out of date food

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
June 2023		
Thursday 22nd June	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory	Year 3
Wednesday 28th June	Matilda Theatre Trip	Year 4
July 2023		
Tues 4th July	Transition day	Whole School
Thursday 6th July	Reception Sports Day	Reception Class
Friday 7th July	KSI Sports Day-10am	KSI
Friday 7th July	Trip to Longridge	Year 6
Wed 5th July	Transition day	Whole School
Fri 21st July	End of Summer Term (Timings tbc)	Whole School
September 2023		
Friday 1st September	INSET day -School closed	Whole School
Monday 4th September	INSET day-School Closed	Whole School
Tuesday 5th September	Autumn Term begins	Whole School