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Harvest Festival

Thank you for another great year of donations which have supported members of our local community. We have received many letters of thanks from the individuals who benefited from the food parcels and visits.

Literacy Evening

On Wednesday 16th November from 3.30 pm to 7 pm we invite you to come and look around the school to see the fabulous work the children have created during Roald Dahl week. Our School Council also invite you to participate in their Growth Mindsets Workshop which will be held in the school hall.

Non Uniform Days

This is a reminder that we will be holding a non-uniform day for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. The theme this year is Spots or Superheroes! We look forward to this fun fundraising day!

PTA News

On Saturday 10th December the PTA are transforming the hall to make it into our very own Santa's Grotto! This event is for the children to enjoy and for you to revel in their excitement at all things Christmas! (This will replace the traditional Christmas Bazaar this year.)

The Poppy Appeal

Year 6 pupils will be taking poppies to each class on behalf of the Royal British Legion later this week. If you would like your child to contribute, please send in a small donation.

Science Quiz

On October 20th a team of Y5 and Y6 Lent Rise pupils entered the Quiz Club National Championships which is the largest inter-school competition in the country with more than 400,000 Key Stage 2 children taking part each year.



The Championship reinforces team work, boosts confidence, encourages strategic thinking and lights the fire for knowledge. The quiz comprised 40 multiple choice science questions covering subjects such as human biology, astronomy, great inventors and inventions, physics, zoology, ecology, earth science, oceanography, geology, meteorology, botany and chemistry.

There was a wide range of difficulty levels and teams conferred on and answered every question using their handsets. Well done and congratulations to all those children who took part in the quiz.

National Mathematicians' Award

On 10th November a team of four pupils have been invited to participate in the National Mathematicians' Awards in Maidenhead. This is focused on problem solving and the pupils have to explain their answers to a panel of judges.

Flu Vaccinations

On 21st November 2016, the school nursing service will be administering influenza vaccinations to our Y1, Y2 and Y3 pupils. Paperwork has already been circulated about this so please do contact the school office if you have not received the details. If you are interested in accessing vaccinations for pupils outside of these year groups, please contact your GP surgery directly.

NSPCC Visits

As per a previous letter, the NSPCC Childline team are leading assemblies on 7th November and then visiting again to lead workshops for Y5 and Y6 pupils on 18th November. Please do look back at your emails for further details.

Permission Acknowledgement Forms

We are still missing some Permission Acknowledgement Forms from parent packs sent home in September. If you have lost your pack, please contact the office for a duplicate set of forms.

NHS Guidance on Vomiting and Diarrhoea

To reduce the risk of sickness spreading in school, please keep your child off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea to ensure the symptoms have cleared.

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What have we been up to? Year 6 Update

So far, in Year 6 this term, we have had so much fun but also learnt lots too. Our History topics on the Monarchs of Britain have been very interesting and informative. We have had to work more independently, which has given us greater opportunities to learn.

Literacy this term has been challenging; however, the Northern Lights topic has kept us hooked and engaged. We have made sure that we have developed our comprehension skills, focusing on extending our answers in detail. We had lots of fun writing our descriptive reports. By the end of the topic our hot writes had progressed so much from our cold writes at the beginning, showing just how much we had learnt. We were very proud of the writing we had done.

In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply, divide, subtract and add fractions, decimals and percentages. We have developed our understanding of these to convert and answer tricky word problems.

Science has been a really interesting subject because it has made us learn more about our brilliant bodies and how our senses work. Did you know that light travels in a straight line? Surprisingly, a CD has grooves in it so the light will reflect onto a piece of paper showing the colour spectrum. Exciting, right?

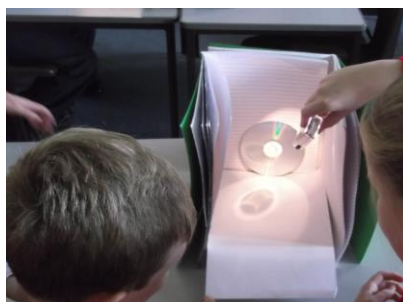
Our homework has extended our learning in school and allowed us to work independently to produce presentations to show in class. We learnt about an amazing physicist who cured smallpox, but unfortunately his own experiment killed him.

Art has really made us think about how people look in proportion. We have become flip book designers and are creating amazing sketches to create a published flip book.

Philosophy for Children has really challenged our thoughts and knowledge about life as it has linked to every other subject we learn in school. This has made our understanding of other religions stronger. Some of our great questions have been, whether you should be treated the same or differently if you are disabled and if it is necessary to have lots of money to be happy.

In PE, we have perfected our throwing and catching skills in rugby and netball and played lots of fun games to help with this. Indoor PE has made us practise hard on working with a partner to produce counter balances.

We have had a brilliant time so far in Year 6 and we are looking forward to another great half term.



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5th September
Monday 31st October
Inset Days

Friday 21st October
Tuesday 20th December
Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January
Tuesday 21st February
Inset Days

Friday 10th February
Friday 31st March
Wednesday 4th January
Monday 20th February

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April
Monday 5th June
Inset Day
Early May Bank Holiday

Thursday 25th May
Friday 21st July
Friday 26th May
Monday 1st May

October's Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 93%. The KS1 award went to class EJ who achieved 95% attendance and the KS2 award to 5J, who also achieved 95% attendance, for the month of October.

Diary Dates 2016

Literacy Open Evening

Wednesday 16th November from 3.30 pm to 7 pm

Children in Need

Friday 18th November

PTA Santa's Grotto

Saturday 10th December time to be confirmed

Early Years Christmas Play (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)

Tuesday 13th December at 9.30 am

Wednesday 14th December at 2.15 pm

KS1 Christmas Play (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)

Monday 12th December at 9.30 am

Monday 12th December at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 13th December at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 13th December at 7 pm (pupils to arrive at 6.30 pm)

KS2 Christmas Shows (letters regarding tickets will be circulated in November)

Years 3/4 Thursday 15th December at 7 pm (pupils to arrive at 6.30 pm) and Monday 19th December at 9.30 am

Years 5/6 Wednesday 14th December at 7 pm (pupils to arrive at 6.30 pm) and Monday 19th December at 2.00 pm

PTA Early Years Christmas Party

Friday 16th December from 2 to 3 pm

PTA Christmas Discos

Monday 19th December - times to be confirmed by PTA

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