

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy, blustery and rainy start to term two! It was lovely to have the children back in school this week getting settled back in and focussed on new learning. We continue our “Empowerment Approach” to behaviour and next week will be having a spotlight on children’s listening and readiness for learning every lesson.

House point reward

Term one’s winning house team was: Water and the members of this house enjoyed their reward disco in school yesterday afternoon. The total numbers of house points in term one were:

Earth: 6190

Air: 6242

Water: 7100

Fire: 6713

These totals will be added to and we will announce the new term two winning team before the Christmas holiday and the children in the winning house will have their reward time then.

Children continue to earn bronze, silver, gold, platinum, etc. certificates for their individual house point achievements and these are awarded weekly in assemblies. House points are awarded for reading at home and we have found that it is the children who read regularly at home who are already at “gold” level!

PTA update

Halloween sweetie cone sales and the sponsored bounce / circuits has raised £1300 already with more sponsor money still coming in. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA’s fundraising efforts already this term. The PTA met this week and have yet another year of exciting events planned – do keep an eye on their Facebook page for regular updates and ways you can get involved! See attached for Autumn disco fliers.

The PTA are keen to hear from anyone with a contact at Nationwide Building Society, Barclaycard or any other organisation which can support with “matched funding” for events. This is a very simple way to double the money the PTA make to help our school! If you have a contact at one of these places and may be able to help, please contact the school office.

Our wonderful PTA are funding this year’s in-school pantomime experience for everyone once again and their longer-term fundraising aims are to improve both playgrounds; adding sun-shade to the infants playground and fitness equipment to the Key Stage Two playground. Thanks to the dedicated PTA members for giving of their time so generously to help our school.

Attendance

Our school attendance target is for every child to have 97% attendance, unless there are exceptional medical reasons. Our current year-to-date attendance is 96.29%

Please ensure children attend school on-time, every day unless they are ill. Every day missed has an impact on a child's learning and it will then be difficult for them to catch-up as lessons in school continue at pace. Term-time holidays will not be authorised and can result in a £60 per parent, per child fine from the local authority if a holiday is for 5 or more school days. Repeated term-time holidays can result in prosecution.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

Please find the latest issue of Families magazine [here](#).

Events in school this term

November:

Thursday 9th – YR and KS1 PTA Autumn discos

Tuesday 14th @ 9am – Inclusion Tea and Talk

Tuesday 14th @9am – Y1 parents phonics session

Thursday 16th @ 3.30pm - Y3 Art Gallery

Thursday 16th – KS2 PTA Autumn discos

Monday 20th – Pantomime performance in school

Thursday 23rd – Flu immunisations in school

Tuesday 28th @ 1.15pm – Sunflower class clarinet concert

Wednesday 29th – Friday 1st Dec – Scholastic book fair

December:

Saturday 2nd – PTA Christmas Fayre at EBWMC

Tuesday 12th @ 2pm – Scrooge performance

Wednesday 13th @ 9.15am and 2.15pm - EY Nativity performances

Thursday 14th @ 4pm and 6pm – Scrooge performances

Monday 18th 5-6pm - Carols on the playground

Tuesday 19th – Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th – End of term

Letters home this week:

Change of PE day – Violet class only

Reminders for Friday

EY RE topic – EY only

Secondary school application deadline reminder – Y6 only

Scrooge songbook and performance dates – Senior choir only

Clarinet reminder – Sunflower class only

Strictly ticket availability - Strictly dancers only

Kingswood order reminder

Attachments

PTA Autumn disco flyers