

Dear parents and carers,

We have been in celebratory mood this week as our Key Stage Two cross-country squad brought home the large schools' trophy for the second year running! Well done to the entire squad who ran a gruelling race on a cold, rainy, blustery autumn day! A special mention to all medal winners in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and to those in Years 5 and 6 who have progressed through to the county finals due to top finishes across Wellingborough and North Northants: Jewel (3rd place), Daisy (16th place), Alfie K (9th place), Joshua D (15th place) and Oscar C (20th place).

Thank you to the squad for showing all of our school values throughout the event and being excellent ambassadors for our school. Thanks to Mrs Chapman, Mrs Smart, Mrs Doyle, coach Ryan and our wonderful parent helpers who led the team to victory! Also, a special mention to Benjamin S in Y4 who ran the entire lap keeping pace with a friend to motivate and support his friend to complete the race. A wonderful display of teamwork and kindness.

PTA discos

Thanks to our PTA who led the first autumn disco for Reception and Key Stage One yesterday – this was a great success. Next week is the Key Stage two discos – all children welcome and you pay on the door. The PTA are also holding a Christmas fayre on Saturday 2nd December at which both senior and junior choirs will be invited to sing! See attached fliers.

Christmas plans

We are finalising details of our other Christmas plans – most dates are included on the yearly calendars but a Christmas countdown will be shared next week.

Lunchtimes

We continue to work on improving lunchtimes to ensure this is a pleasant, safe time for every child in the lunch halls and on the playgrounds. We have made lots of changes to both playgrounds and hope these will improve the play, safety and fun for every child. These changes will take time to embed but we are working very hard to teach all children how to play appropriately during this unstructured time. Further improvements and investments in new equipment are planned – subject to the children proving they will look after anything new to invest in!

Behaviour updates: The Empowerment Approach

We continue to teach the children how their brain works and how they improve and develop their learning behaviour. This is proving successful and house points as a motivator are also a big incentive! As you know, we no longer issue “cards” – red or yellow as a consequence of misbehaviour. There are, however, natural consequences for all children whose behaviour is not “ready, respectful and safe.” These consequences are tailored to every child and to every circumstance so are more bespoke and useful to correcting (rather than punishing) a child's behaviour. The consequence is matched to the incident. For example, unsafe behaviour on the playground would result in a child not being on the playground for a period of time until they proved they could be safe around others. The natural consequence of talking in a lesson and not getting work done would be that the work has to be

completed in a child's own time. We talk to the children about these natural consequences all of the time and are finding this is much more effective in improving behaviours than our previous system.

Car park /parking

Please note, for safety reasons, the school car park is for school staff only at all times. Parents / carers should not use the car park for dropping off / collecting children from any club, including Happy Hols between the hours of 7:30am and 5:30pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Traffic enforcement officers have been around school twice already this year at the start and end of the school day and do issue penalty notices to anyone parked illegally, this includes on a single yellow line at from 8:30am – 5pm so includes all school drop-off and pick-up times. We are appreciative of the officers' efforts and hope this serves as a deterrent to anyone parking illegally - which puts all of our children at risk. There is an application in to make the single yellow lines on Broad Street into double yellow lines which would mean no parking or waiting at any time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

Reminder – Inclusion Tea and Talk Tuesday 14th November 2023 9am to 10am in the school library

A chance to get together for a cuppa and a chat. The SEND Specialist Support Service (SSS) are now unfortunately unable to join us, however, members of our Inclusion team will be on hand to answer any questions.

Letters home this week

TAG rugby invitation – selected pupils only Y1 phonics session reminder

EY curriculum map and change of reading time

Maths workshop invitation - YR only

Curriculum overviews and year group calendars – YR to Y6

YR message; "Everyone read in class time is now 3pm every Friday until Christmas."

Violet class message

Scrooge costume letters – Senior choir only

Cross country clothing – Selected pupils only

Remembrance and Red Cross message

Strictly schools – Selected pupils only

Clarinet reminder – Sunflower class only

Y5 art showcase – Y5 only

Head lice letter – Daffodil class

Attachments

Online advice – microtransactions

PTA KS2 disco flyer

PTA Christmas Fayre flyer