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Reminders: Music fees to be paid.

Letters issued this week: After School Clubs, KS2 Cross Country, Y3 Pizza Express				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm	School Bank 8.30-9.00am	Drama 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady	
	Rocksteady	Textiles 3.30-4.30pm	Art 3.30-4.30pm	
	Kidz with Bricks 3.30-4.30pm		Pizza Express Y3	
	Dance 3.30-4.30pm			

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term and to a new decade, 2020!

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break, enjoying time with your family and friends and taking the time to relax. Now we can start to look forward to the lighter mornings and evenings, daffodils and warmer weather.

Mrs Humphriss welcomed the children back to school on Tuesday and led an assembly talking about 'Putting their best foot forward.' She spoke about showing resilience, perseverance and determination and demonstrated this brilliantly with a hopping race across the hall, with Mrs Slater! It is clear that the children (and staff) have come back to school eager and enthusiastic about the term ahead - there is lots planned and it is set to be another fantastic term.

Reception are already busy learning about different traditional tales and I have seen some wonderful scientific learning taking place making houses out of different materials. I wonder what traditional tale that might be linked to?! Year 1 are exploring the topic of Winter and are thoroughly enjoying exploring the Raymond Briggs book The Snowman. They will soon be off on their travels around the world learning about countries, capital cities and continents. Year 2 are also going to be expert cartographers - their new topic is Street Detectives and the classroom is already full of maps and atlases. They are very excited about exploring Stratford-upon-Avon observing different types of homes and houses; looking at local businesses past and present and reading the play A Midsummer Night's Dream. I showed some visitors around this week and they were blown away by the children in Year 2 - they were able to talk so knowledgeably and with such enthusiasm about the play after just two days of exploring it! Year 3 are travelling the world to visit Pompeii this half term have already seen volcanoes appearing around the classroom and heard lots of scientific talk about the different layers of the Earth. Mr Scarlett has introduced the children to their class text The Firework Maker's Daughter, by Phillip Pullman. This story is sure to grip them as it is full of talking elephants, potions and mischievous pirates! Year 4 are going to be consolidating their learning of the Victorians this week before moving on to their new topic linked to the Greeks: Burps, Bottoms and Bile! The children were desperate to tell me this when I visited Year 4. I cannot wait to see what learning will be taking place over the forthcoming weeks but it is sure to be a very memorable topic! Mr Moss will also be introducing his new class text, which I won't reveal yet, linked to The Greeks. Year 5 were busy rearranging the classroom when I visited them yesterday - tables and chairs were being moved and rearranged with military precision and when they saw my confusion, they were very excited to tell me that I was actually observing a maths problem solving lesson! They are enjoying reading the text The Girl of Ink and Stars, linked to their new topic Alchemy Island and I have seen some wonderful art work where the children have been imagining their own island. They also learnt a new technique in Art, using tissue paper to blend oil pastels - they were very enthused when sharing this with us! Year 6 have also been engrossed in their work making periscopes. Part of Mrs McCormack's plan is that the children move around the school covertly keeping their eye on people! This is to consolidate the children's learning about WWI and life in the trenches. Their next topic is Frozen Kingdom and I have already seen some intriguing images being displayed around the classroom in anticipation of the spring term.

'If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.' - Martin Luther Kina

Overall 98.2% Y6 94.9% Y5 96.7% Y4 99.2% Y3 100.0% 97.6% Y2 Y1 100.0% YR 99.1% 85% 80% 90% 95% 100%

Weekly Attendance by Class

This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 1 and Year 3 with 100%. Well Done!



WINNER!!!

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FOSP

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Fair.

We raised approximately £2000!

Your help and support has been invaluable over the last year, thanks to everyone for making 2019 a successful one.

Lunchtime Circus!

Next Thursday's lunches will be Circus themed - to book a lunch for your child simply log on to Parent Pay before midnight on Friday 10th January.



Year 5 - Story Starts

Year 5 have been writing their own story starts based on their class text The Girl with Ink and Stars. They have been experimenting with different sentence types to create suspense and atmosphere.





Reminder to all parents and carers

Please be considerate of our neighbours and the local residents during school drop off and pick up times.

Switch car engines off while stationary and refrain from stopping in front of garages or turning in driveways.

Please also remember that the Paddock car park must not be used by parents as this is owned by University of Birmingham and we do not have permission to use this.

Safeguarding

Later this month we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day.

Throughout the school the children are becoming very capable and confident users of technology and we regularly reinforce the importance of staying safe on line as children use the internet in different areas of learning across the curriculum.

Well Done!

A huge well done to Magalie who, last term, completed her first 10k London Santa Run in aid of the Children's Literacy Charity (CLC) who since 1992 have been improving the life prospects for disadvantaged young people, raising over £500.

We are very proud of you.

Year 6 - Scientists

This week, in our final lessons on how light travels and how we see images, we have been investigating how periscopes were used to see over the top of the trenches during WWI. We used two mirrors to work out the angles



required, and are now busy making our own periscopes and explaining scientifically exactly how they work. We may even use them to do some spying around school – but that's TOP SECRET of course!



Year 2 - Art

Year 2 have spent the morning learning about the different characters from A Midsummer Night's Dream and sketching portraits of the character that they find most interesting.

The first step was to sketch the face and then paint the skin tone. Once this is dry, the children will start to add

layers of water-colour paint to the face and hair. After that, they will use tissue paper to add extra texture. Wow!







