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Friday Flier



Valentine's Day Discos

WOW! These were so much fun (loud but fun). Thank you to Lorraine, Chair of the PTFA for organising these events and for being so accommodating for the many late reply slips we received which necessitated another trip to the cash and carry. Whilst it might not seem like it these events do take a lot of time and planning but it is all worth it as the children had such a good time. I would also like to thank DJ Stray for providing us with the music. I would also like to thank the staff for staying and helping at the discos. Thank you also to other members of the PTFA for inflating the going home presents and to the parent helpers who volunteered at the discos.

Celebrities Wanted: Do you know any?

World Book Day is coming up and we are hoping you can help us. Last year, the children were visited by a mystery reader (who turned out to be a Portsmouth football player!) It was so inspiring for the children to see someone that they look up to celebrate reading for pleasure, and we would love to repeat the experience. If you have a connection (however loose!) to any famous sporting stars, other familiar faces or even Hollywood actors please could you reach out and ask them if they would be willing to read a story to our children as part of our Book Week celebrations. Many thanks.

Story Telling Competition Winners

We were so impressed with both the quality and the quantity of the entries we received. It was such a hard choice and all work was considered, including those that came in today. Thank you for supporting your children at home with this challenge. It was such a hard task to choose a winner from each year group as they were all so different and the level of work so high. However, a decision was made and the following children have each won a £10 Amazon voucher: **Year R: George Sumbler. Year 1: Alex Handley. Year 2: Sienna Martin.**

Save the date: Year R Maths Meetings

We will be holding two information meetings for parents on Monday 26 February. One in the morning and one in the evening. Further details to follow shortly.

Breakfast and Beehive Invoices

A reminder that from next half term you will no longer be receiving a paper invoice and that these will now be emailed to you by Mrs Gray.

Library Drop in Times

Following a short period when we had to close our school library for a full audit, I delighted to inform you that the library will re-open after half term at the following times for you to pop in with your child and share a book:

- ❖ Monday: 3.25pm – 4.00pm
- ❖ Tuesday: 8.15am – 8.45am
- ❖ Thursday: 8.15am – 8.45am

Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

Year R: Hugo Fox, Malori Lambe, Eva Lockwood, Axel Morgan-Fothergill, Theo Pankhurst, Misha Patel, Thomas Stoyles and Clarissa Wollaston. Year 1: Molly Brandon, Phoebe Fitzjohn, Bobby Gibbons, Max Parsons and Harvey Plumstead. Year 2: Llewelyn Gibson.

These children finished their busy bee certificates and have received a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers/cardigans: Bethany Briggs and Freddy Foster.

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Wagtails' Class
- Woodpeckers' Class
- Kestrels' Class

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions:

Timetable for next half term has been sent out with this Flier. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: [Spring B Timetable](#)

Lunch Menu

The menu when we return after the half term break will be will be: Week 2. As some of the current options have not proved popular with the children we will be introducing jacket potatoes as third choice for a trial period. The children will need to choose the "blue option". Please click on the following links to access the menus online: [hot menu](#) or [Jacket Potato Menu](#) Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

School closes today Friday, 09 February at 3.15pm and at 6.00pm for children attending Beehive for the half term break. The school will reopen on Monday 19 February. There is NO INSET DAY.

I hope you all have a fun and relaxing half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready to learn.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher