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Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

Class Dojo



The winning classes last week were 1/2H and 3/4B

The winning classes this week are Reception and 3/4C

Well done everyone!

Attendance

The winning class last week was 5/6P - 98.3%

This week, the winning class is 3/4T - 99.1%

Well done to these classes!

Celebrating Success Outside of School

Swimming Awards- Larah, Jensen, Zachary, Amelia, Leon and Molly

Karate - Olivia

Football - Rio

Gymnastics - Olivia

Things have continued to move at pace at the start of the term and the children are certainly being kept busy in class with lots of good learning and new topics. I am pleased that we are able to continue to provide a full and thorough offer for all of our children despite the challenges and continued trickle of COVID cases. It is really important that you are aware of recent changes to the isolation period which I shared in the last newsletter. Please make sure that you read it and are aware of what you should do should your child test positive.

As you will be aware, last week the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January. For us as a school, at present we are keeping the use of the masks as in the guidance for schools, it states that the wearing of masks could be reintroduced at any time under the advice of local directors of public health should the school experience a localised outbreak. We are trying to do all we can to keep our school community safe so we won't be changing anything at the moment. All other remaining protective measures in school, as outlined in our risk assessment, remain in place and under constant review on a daily basis.

We hope you have a good weekend!

Mrs D Darby, Headteacher

Dates for your diary



February 2022

- 2nd - Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
- 4th - NSPCC Number Day - activities in school
- 7th - 11th - Children's mental health week
- 8th - Safer Internet day - activities in school
- 8th - French theatre performance - KS2 (More details to follow)
- 8th - Basketball Festival (10 children) (More details to follow)
- 11th - PCSO talk with Year 5/6
- 14th - 18th - Random Acts of Kindness week
- 14th - Music School Singing session (More details to follow)
- 15th - Year 5/6 - Ancient Greek Day (More details to follow)
- 18th - Break up for half term
- 28th - Children return to school



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Energy Saving Week



As you may have seen already on Class Dojo, last week was Energy Saving Week. In school, in our classes and assembly, we discussed ways we could try and save energy in our homes and in the classroom. Well done to everyone who completed their 'Energy Saving Challenge' sheet. Many families made positive changes in their homes which of course is brilliant for our planet. Hopefully some of these tips will stick with the children and they keep them up to 'do their bit' for the world.

Snow Procedure

In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, parents should take the following advice about the possibility of school closure. Whenever possible, the school will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff. Should the need arise, in severe weather, a decision will be made by 7.30am if the school is to be closed. A text message alert will be sent informing you of school closure and a message put on Class Dojo. The Wolverhampton Snow Closures Facebook page will also be notified and local radio stations will be asked to broadcast the relevant information.

If the school is closed, remote learning will be provided for your child for that day. It can be accessed in the normal way using the school website, visiting the home learning tab.

If the school is open for the day we will remain open until the end of the normal school day at 3.00pm. If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. Our aim is to open every day but hopefully, this information will give some clarity in case we have to close.

Attendance

We have recently been undertaking a review of individual children's attendance at school. As I'm sure you will be aware, good attendance at school is vital for all children to reach their academic potential and the Department of Education recommend a target of 96% as a measure of good attendance. Where children have attendance below 90 they are classed as 'persistently absent'. There have been many complicating factors regarding school attendance over the past 20 months or so, but it is important that we work together with parents where attendance is a concern. So that you are all clear, where attendance is low due to a positive case of COVID or chicken pox, we have no concerns regarding attendance.

In the next few weeks, we will be issuing letters to inform parents where their child's attendance is low (non-COVID related) or where a child has a significant amount of unauthorised absences. These letters are initially just for your information so that we can work together to improve the attendance of your child / children. This is something that schools have always done but has not been in place robustly during the pandemic for obvious reasons. However, the DfE and the Education Welfare Department do require schools to take actions where attendance of individual pupils is a concern. Attendance generally across the school is very good and we would like to recognise and thank all those families who ensure their children attend school every day and are punctual.

Uniform

If any parents/carers have any new unwanted tights, socks or underwear that they could donate to us for 'spare' clothing, we would be

Times tables

Please can you ensure that your children regularly practise their times tables as this will help them in all aspects of maths. In school, we ensure that pupils practise their times tables and apply this knowledge to complete a range of maths learning activities.

In year 4, our pupils will undertake a National on screen multiplication times tables check on their times tables up to 12x12. The pupils have 25 times table random questions to answer and only have 6 seconds to answer each question. Please give your child opportunities to practise their times tables at home. There are a number of games and websites that support learning times tables including: Times Table Rock Stars, BBC Super Movers and Hit the button. If your child can't remember their TTRS login, speak to your child's class teacher.