

# Newsletter

Autumn 2 2016



## Nearly there.....



As we approach the end of this Autumn Term, it is great to reflect on an excellent few months for the school. The children have already made good progress and are well on track to at least achieve their end of year targets. There have been some exciting learning

experiences off-site too; trips to the British Museum, the Imperial War Museum at Duxford and to Norwich Castle have all provided additional inspiration for the children.

## Attendance



I am delighted to see that attendance for the school is back to its usual high levels. The overall attendance for this term is 97.27%, and as of last week

there was well over 70 children with 100% attendance for the whole term. If they can keep that up until this Friday, they will each receive their Bronze Attendance Award. We are also monitoring any children with lower than expected attendance, so that they can hopefully improve next term.

## Sports Success

Led by Mrs Sadler, we have really started to see the impact of regular training with our Cross Country Runners. The commitment of the children has been excellent, coming out three times a week to do a mixture of sprints and distances to help prepare them for the competitions. The benefits could be seen at the West Norwich and Dereham Area event where Chloe Shortman won the Year 3 Girls race, with Poppy Warrington-Price in 6<sup>th</sup>. Ellis Hughes won the Year 3 Boys race and Larissa Jones came third in the Year 4 Girls race. In fact, all of the team performed brilliantly and there is clearly plenty of promise for the future.



The Tag Rugby Team also did the school proud this term. For six weeks we regularly had eighteen to twenty Year 5 and 6 children out training at lunchtimes, and the improvement that they showed in that time was outstanding. At the area competition, the team played really well, winning five out of six games and only just losing to the eventual winners. Well done to all our sports stars!

## Parking Problems



The zig-zag lines outside the school apply to both sides of the road – they are there to ensure that it is safe to enter and leave the school carpark at busy times, so please do not park in that area. Also a reminder that the school carpark should only be used by those with permission.

The overall parking situation is getting sadly worse. My thanks go to those parents who are using the Village Hall carpark, but we need many more to do this, so that we are not seeing cars parked on the verge with children either getting out directly on to the road or stepping out between cars.

## A few reminders

There has been a couple of instances of parents coming into school via the Infant entrance before the end of the school day. If you need to come in, whether to pass on a message or check the lost property, please come in through the main entrance and speak to a member of the office staff.

Speaking of lost property, the trunk has never been so full! We will be emptying the trunk on Thursday, with two days for the clothing to be claimed before it is sent to charity. The property will be laid out in the hall.

Finally, a reminder that children should be wearing black school shoes rather than trainers as part of the school uniform.

#### News from the classes.....



Reception – Our new topic for next half term will be transport. We are looking forward to learning about different forms of transport and going on some adventures. Read Write Inc will continue; the children are now in small groups for their phonics sessions. PE will remain on Thursdays with swimming on Tuesdays.



In Year 1 we have been working hard on our reading, writing and maths this term and I hope this good attitude to learning continues next term. It is the Year 1 and 2 Christmas show tomorrow! We have been working really hard to learn lines, songs and dances. Please come to watch the show and any audience participation would be really appreciated!



Year 2 have been working really hard this term. They have made huge progress with their maths and become increasingly accurate with their spelling and handwriting. The class have also enjoyed learning about healthy lifestyles, plants and significant people. Well done also to Year 2 for learning their lines and their dances, and for singing with such enthusiasm in our rehearsals for "Lights, Camel, Action". We hope that everyone enjoys the show.



Year 3 have had a great term! Our class trip to the British Museum was a brilliant day out where we saw impressive collections of sculptures and artefacts from Ancient Egypt. The children have worked very hard on their homework projects and were able to show them off at our workshop; thank you to all the family members who were able to attend. £137 has already been raised from the Samosa sale towards the coach hire for a trip to Colchester Zoo in the summer term. We shall be holding cake sales in the New Year to raise the rest.



This half term Year 4 have been learning about The Roman Invasion of Britain and what life was like in Ancient Rome. Our trip to the Castle Museum really brought it to life and we all enjoyed the day. The children have made a great start to our 'Read Around the World' challenge, and we are encouraging them to try different authors, with our current focus on Michael Morpurgo.



Year 5 have been very busy this term! The class have enjoyed learning about electricity and alternative energy sources, including testing their own wind turbines. Everyone has been working hard with their times tables knowledge and speed in maths – well done! It has also been great to see lots of boys and girls from Year 5 representing the school in sports events this term.



Next half term Year 6 will be completing our World War II topic and moving on to study the Ancient Greeks in history. Art, design and technology will focus on Greek architecture and sculpture. Reading and writing will revolve around non-fiction and the GPS focus will be on spelling. Geometry, algebra and statistics will be the main topics of study in maths. Gymnastics and dance will be the basis of PE lessons.

#### Diary Dates

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Children return to school**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January – 7pm FOSM Meeting**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half Term**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – End of Spring Term**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Start of the Summer Term**