



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 20th January 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the children for their fantastic behaviour on our trip to the performance of The Snow Queen. It was an amazing production and all of us were spellbound. Today it has been lovely to see all of our children taking part in our sharing day. Interacting with each other and visiting other classrooms has enriched our learning experience.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance is 95.5%. This week we achieved 94.6%

Worship and Church News:

As a committed Church of England School we want to keep you up to date with the Christian learning that is taking place in school. Our key Christian values are COMMUNITY, RESPECT AND PERSISTENCE.

Last term our overarching theme was COMMUNITY and this term it is RESPECT. Your children will be able to talk to you about worship both as a whole school act of collective worship and in their individual classes.

Knutton Community Library:

If you're interested in making new friends, learning new skills and helping others, volunteering at Knutton Library could be for you! Anyone can volunteer – a commitment of just two hours a week is the only requirement. We have a variety of flexible volunteering roles at the library, from using computers to checking books in and out, to helping with library activities, shelving books and keeping stock tidy. Whatever your interests, we can find a role for you. If you're thinking about a second career or career change then we have an accreditation programme where you can earn a formal qualification in Customer Service for free. To find out more about volunteering at Knutton Library, please visit, www.staffordshire.gov.uk/volunteerinyourlibrary or contact us for a chat by emailing cathy.attwood@staffordshire.gov.uk or ringing 01785 278311. There is no commitment to formally apply – just get in touch for a chat.

Diary Dates:

Monday 23rd January Butterflies and Dragonflies are going on a winter walk, please send in wellington boots; the children will be wearing their normal school uniform.

Pupil of the Week:

Well done to the following children – Andrew Smith, Leo Dudley, Matthew Hayes, Freddie Smith, Jayden Pettitt, Liam Malcolm, Nickolas Moss, Abbie Meyrick-Pellington, Keira Lawton, Olivia Mae Robinson, Tegan Brozowski, Layla Davies, Keira Bentley, Deon Garside and Abbie Rose Taylor.

Good to be Green:

Well done to the children for earning a raffle ticket at the end of a day for showing good (green) behaviour. We then put these in a box each day and a lucky winner is picked out each Friday. These are – Daniel Hayes, Victoria Rigby, Quinn Walton, Mark Egels, Scarlett Davenhill, Libbie Dunn, Alisha Johnson, Lincoln Hughes, Luca Parkes, Asha White and Millie Jones



Absence:

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please let us know. You can text the school on 07786208450 at any time or leave a message on our answering machine Tel: 568680. If you do not contact us you may receive a visit from the ATTEND team

PE:

Weather permitting the children will have 1 lesson a week outside, please ensure you child has some warmer kit to wear, plain black tracksuit bottoms and a plain blacked zipped fleece, form part of our school PE kit.

Head lice:

I need to ask you all to please check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary. If your child has long hair please could you ensure your child's hair tied back. I appreciate that parents are repeatedly finding their child has head lice and we really do need all your help in this matter.

Bikes & Scooter:

Please could I remind all our children and parents to be careful when using bikes and scooters, we have some incidents of racing and rough play, we have to be mindful of the safety of our children, parents and staff, if this continues will have no other option than to ban both scooters and bikes from the school ground, we appreciate your support on this matter.

Safeguarding:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding Mrs Weaver, Miss Middleton and Miss Sawyer are the Leads.

Care Plans:

If your child has any medical needs that we are not aware of please call into the office and speak with Miss Middleton, as we may need to put a care plan in place.

French Club:

French club will start again after February half term on Tuesday lunchtime.

School Clubs:

There are spaces available in some of the clubs, please contact the office if your child is interested in Dance, Art, Skipping and Recorder.

Due to swimming we have swapped the skipping clubs, these will now be,

Monday KS2 skipping club (new). Lunchtime Mrs Swancott

Wednesday KS1 skipping club (new). Lunchtime Mrs Swancott

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