



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 6th October 2017



Dear Parents,

Can I thank you for all your support in raising fund for Macmillan – we raised £312.59

This week we saw the launch of Times Tables Rock Stars. The enthusiasm I have seen from all the children has been fantastic. I know that many of you have had a go and requested your own log on. Thank you to Mr Collier for organising this great initiative in school.

We have had a big improvement in children arriving late to school this week, I really do appreciate your continued support on this. It does make a huge impact on learning and school routine.

We have been very lucky to have British Cycling in school. They approached me at the start of term and offered to come in and work with all Year 5 and Year 6 children to develop their cycle sports skills. All the bikes and helmets are provided on the day and a specialist coach takes the lesson. We have a programme in place for the next few weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children.

Our out of school clubs started this week. I am very pleased at the range of clubs we are offering to our children and would like to thank all the staff involved in offering their time out of school. *(There was some confusion over if children had been successful in gaining a place on our clubs – our letter did say that we would contact you only if your child was unsuccessful. We apologise if any confusion.)*

We are looking forward to welcoming the Children in Need road show on Monday. Mrs Brown entered us in the completion for this and we are delighted that we won this special prize. Keep an eye on twitter for reports on all our school activities.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%** .This week we achieved **94.3%**

Pupil of the Week:

Well done to the following children – Kacey Plant, Thomas Cole, Keira Bentley, Ryan Pickerill, Isabelle Black, Vinnie Pettitt, Owen Brunt, Axel Abercrombie, Archie Day, Tabitha Snape-Banks and Jenson Everill

Good to be Green:

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle – Harry Hopkinson, Kai Kanyenda, Kai Hambly, Lucas Keen, Kai Johnson-Everill, Jamie Davenhill, Leon Stevenson, Tommy Greatbatch, James Holland, Lacey-Ann Dale and Alyssa Castell.

Team Points:

Our winning team this week is Endeavour.

Old £1 coins:

These cease to be legal tender on the 31st September, and we can no longer accept them in school.

Worship and Church News

During Worship this week we have been focusing on The Golden Rule - Treating others as you yourself would wish to be treated.

The Worship Council have also planned and led a Class Worship on this theme.

Here is one of the prayers they composed:

Dear God,
Please help us to respect one another.
Please help us to be kind to one another.
Please let everyone try to treat others as they themselves would want to be treated.
Amen.

Harvest:

On Tuesday the 10th October at 9.30 Year 5 will be leading our Harvest Service in the school hall. Parents of year 5 (Brunel) are welcome to come and join us, unfortunately the church is having some building work completed which means we cannot use it for our Harvest Service, and due to our building work we have very limited space, and are unable to serve refreshments, as normally would on the day. We are hoping to do this at Christmas time, when all building works should be completed. Thank you for your understanding.

We are collecting traditional harvest goods such as: canned goods, dried goods, cereals or toiletries for the local charity HOMESTART. We would appreciate any donations. Many thanks for your generous support in advance. **PLEASE COULD YOU SEND IN DONATIONS ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER.**

Free School Meal:

Thank you to the parents who completed their free school meal applications, for their success they have received a £20 Morrison's. We have decided that this will continue as a permanent offer.

Laches Wood:

Please can we remind you about our residential trip. We need a permission slip and £30 deposit to secure a place. We can offer a payment plan, for more information on this please contact the office, thank you. Unfortunately we may have to cancel if we do not have enough numbers.

Old Uniform:

Thank you for the donations of old uniform, we like to keep spares in school in case of accidents. You can donate your old uniform into the school office at any time.

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 by **9.30am** at the latest you may receive a visit from the ATTEND team.

Safeguarding and support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please ask to speak to Mrs Wheaver or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.