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School Newsletter 5- November 2015

Anti-Bullying Week

It is national Anti-Bullying week and this year's campaign is called 'Make a Noise about bullying.' We started the focus week this morning with a special assembly where children were encouraged to identify signs to look out for that might indicate someone is being bullied. We also talked about the difference between bullying and falling out as the two can often be confused. Bullying is defined as behaviour that is:

- Repeated,
- Intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally,
- Often aimed at certain groups, eg because of race, religion, gender or difference.

As a school we do not accept bullying of any kind and we are vigilant at looking out for early signs. Reported incidents are dealt with seriously and records are kept to ensure the situation is monitored carefully in the future. The teachers also talk regularly to the children about the importance of treating everyone equally and fairly. Our recent pupil survey indicated the children felt there were lots of adults in school that they can go to if they feel worried about anything. Our 'We Care' motto is fully embedded throughout school and systems such as PALS, Peer Mediators and Y6 buddies ensure children really support each other and therefore incidents of bullying are thankfully extremely rare.



Parents' Evening

Thank you for your attendance at the recent parents' evening. I hope you found the meetings useful.

We are fortunate to have Mr Jubb in school this year who is working out of class specifically supporting groups of learners by providing additional catch up and booster work. The children are benefitting greatly from these sessions. If you child is receiving this support and you would like to discuss this further, Mr Jubb is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. He will also provide home learning games and activities if you would like ideas on how you can offer further support.

Home Learning

There has been some excellent work returned to school recently as part of the children's home learning projects. We feel the children benefit greatly from learning in this way. Class teachers will send additional work home at times if they feel it is necessary.

We are currently changing our website provider and our new site will make it even easier for children to access web-based home learning activities. We are hoping to have the new site fully active in the next month and will keep you updated on the progress.



Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair will take place in school on Monday 7th December from 3.10-4.30. The FOBBS group are planning a number of events including a cake stall, raffle, Christmas craft stalls, games for children and a secret room where presents for grown-ups can be purchased! There will also be a special festive visitor.

Next Friday, 27th November we are having an own clothes day in school to support the FOBBS in raising funds and prizes for this event. We ask that children bring either a small chocolate item for the raffle or a £1 donation. This money will be used to purchase items for the chocolate bingo.

We thank you for your support and look forward to celebrating the start of the festive season with this special event.



Christingle Service at Selby Abbey

The Children's society, a UK based organisation that assists street children, disabled children, young refugees, and children in trouble with the law, is organising a Christingle service to raise much needed funds to support it in its vital work across the area. The service will take place on Sunday 6th December at 4pm in Selby Abbey. All are welcome so if you would like to go along and join in with the service, you will be made very welcome.

We have collection boxes, in aid of this charity in school and will be handing them out this week if you are able to take one to fill with your loose change at home. The children can take their box along to the Christingle service where they will receive a special candle. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the service you can return the box to school by Thursday 3rd December so that we can pass on any donations to the abbey.



Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th November	School Pantomime
Monday 23rd November	Year 5/6 drugs awareness session.
Thursday 26th November	Christmas crafts- Nursery, Reception & KS1 3.00- 5.00pm
Thursday 26th November	Swimming finishes for the term.
Friday 27th November	Mars class assembly.
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas crafts in school-KS2 3.00- 5.00pm
Friday 4th December	Jupiter class open morning at 9.00am
Monday 7th December	School Christmas fair.
Tuesday 15th December	Reception Christmas performance:- 10.00am
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 afternoon pantomime:- 2.00pm
Tuesday 15th December	KS1 evening performance:- 6.00pm
Wednesday 16th December	Nursery Christmas performance- 9.15am
Wednesday 16th December	KS1 afternoon performance:- 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th December	KS2 evening performance:- 6.00pm
Thursday 17th December	Party day and Christmas lunch
Friday 18th December	School closes

Stay and Read Session

I am sorry we had to postpone the parents reading session today. It will now take place next Monday at 2.45pm. Please come along to take part in reading activities with your child in their classroom. Drinks and biscuits will be provided in return for your services!

