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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 19th January 2024

It has been another busy week in school! There has been lots of amazing things going on, with a Stone Age visitor in Year 3 on Wednesday, a girls' football competition and our sponsored events happening in each year group. The weather has been chilly but we have been able to get outside and make the most of the sunshine every day. Please keep remembering to send coats and warm clothing into school to ensure children can make the most of each breaktime.

In Celebration Assembly each week, two pupils from each class are chosen to receive a Headteacher's Award and a Values Award. These awards are for pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values or demonstrate to the teacher something exceptional that week that deserves recognition.

This week's Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

Year 3	3 <i>C</i>		3PS	
	Hollie	Mollie	Ethan	Erica
Year 4	4L		4 <i>C</i>	
	Finley	Matthew	Blake	Stanley
Year 5	5M		5 <i>C</i>	
	Lucia-Mae	Mason	Jessica B	Jake T
Year 6	6AC		6L	
	Lucy-Jade	Oliver	Jacob	Phoebe G

Hot Chocolate Friday

This week the following children have been chosen for going 'Above and Beyond' by always demonstrating the school values of:

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Well done to the following children:

3 <i>C</i>	3PS	4L	4 <i>C</i>	5M	5 <i>C</i>	6AC	6L
Freddie	Emmie	Lilly	Millie	Skyla	Archie B	Jack	Darcey

Our Kind Hearts award winner this week is Simeon in 4C. Well done!



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Year 3 Stone Age Day- Wednesday 17th January



On Wednesday Year 3 were transported back in time to the Stone Age during their launch day. They all came in dressed up as cave people and looked incredible! Thank you to all the families for helping with their costumes. There are lots of photos on our Facebook page!

During the day they all took part in a drama workshop - learning how Stone Age people hunted for food, made tools and how they lived day to day. Later, they all took part in making a living timeline and even communicated like cave people, which was very amusing! The children enjoyed finding out about the importance of cave paintings and even created some of their own.

NSPCC Number Day

A reminder that on Friday 2nd February we will be taking part in NSPCC's 'NUMBER DAY' where, throughout the day, children will enjoy a variety of fun maths activities. We are also encouraging children to 'Dress up for digits', wearing any item of clothing with a number on. This could be a sports shirt, cap or even a onesie! Or they could be more creative and come as a dice or calculator! To take part in this event, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1- all money raised will go to supporting the NSPCC.

Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football

On Tuesday evening some of our Y3/4 girls' football squad went off to represent us in round 4 of the School Games football tournament. They played three games against Grange Farm, Finham and Bablake - they were difficult games in cold conditions but the girls were incredible yet again! We are so proud of the progress they make month on month. Well done Macy for you amazing goal and for being crowned player of the tournament alongside Tabetha. Great team efforts: Poppy, Macy, Mila (captain), Amelia, Emmie, Niamh, Sophie and Tabetha. Thank you to all the families who came along to support us and helped with lifts.





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Reading- Sponsored events

This week, children have started to complete their sponsored events in school to raise money to develop and improve reading environments in each classroom. All of the money raised will be used to improve the reading environment by purchasing new items such as beanbags and decorations, or to buy new reading books as selected by the class.

3PS completed a brilliant penalty shoot out to raise money. Each group had 5 minutes to score as many goals as possible. The results were as follows: Shooting a ball into a goal = 63 goals, shooting a ball into a netball hoop = 13 goals, rolling a ball through two cones = 185 goals. All of the children had lots of fun and have come up with suggestions for how to improve their book corner.

3C have been taking part in a fitness circuit in order to raise money. They have been doing shuttle runs, star jumps, throwing and catching, hopscotch and squatting. They have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this and are very excited about their new book corner!

Year 4 have been busy doing their sponsored event, of completing the daily mile. The children have enjoyed trying to complete as many laps as they can and celebrating when they get to a mile! They can't wait to find out how much they have raised!

Year 5 are looking forward to their scavenger hunt next week to raise money for their book corner. They would love to be able to buy lots of new books and maybe even some bean bags!

Year 6 completed their event this week, moving around the daily mile track in as many different ways as they could think of! Some people ran, walked on stilts, guided each other when blindfolded or completed a 3-legged lap. They are looking forward to seeing how much they have raised in total to find out what books they can buy!

A big thank you to all family members and friends who have sponsored children throughout school- your kind donations will really help us to improve our classroom environments.

Please remember to send in all sponsorship money by Monday 22nd January.

Monday 8th January - Thursday 8th February

Calendar: Spring One

Monday 22nd January - DT week in school! Deadline for Sponsorship money to be returned to school.

Friday 2nd February- NSPCC Number Day

Monday 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Y5/6 boys football at Finham 3.30pm

Tuesday 6th February - Y3/4 girl's football tournament AT7 centre 3.45 -5pm

Wednesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February - Last day of half term. Star Assembly at 9.05 - Parents with invitations welcomed to share in this assembly with us.

Friday 9th February - TEACHER TRAINING DAY. School closed.

Monday 19th February - First Day back after February Half term break



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We are looking for a new cleaner to join our cleaning team. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact Mrs Dodds in the school office.

Job Title: Cleaner Salary range: Grade 1

Number of Hours: 12.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday 3.30pm-6pm

Term Time Only Permanent

We are a happy and successful Junior School seeking to appoint a hardworking, reliable, enthusiastic and motivated cleaner to join our team. We are looking for someone who will ensure that high standards of cleanliness are maintained within our school.

Previous experience of working within a cleaning environment is desirable but not essential. You will show a willingness to undertake training and be able to work independently and as part of our cleaning team.

This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such appointments will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via the Criminal Records Bureau.

This school/authority is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.