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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 26^h January 2024

We cannot believe that we are now over halfway through this half term! The children have continued to work hard this week and have made a brilliant start to their Design and Technology projects in Years 4 to 6. Each class have also spent time this week creating a wish-list for their new reading environments and which books they would like to have in their classrooms. Take a look later in the newsletter to find out how much each class have raised!

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		
	Deborah	Zana	Deegan	Emily
Year 4	4L		4 <i>C</i>	
	Arlo	Kenny	Poppy	Jacob
Year 5	5M		5 <i>C</i>	
	James	Henry	Ruby	Archie L
Year 6	6AC		6L	
	Chloe	Kieran	Taylor	Maddie

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:

Poppy (3C), Jessica (3PS), Darcey (5C), Olivia O (6AC) and Isabelle W (6L).

Our Kind Hearts award winner this week is Millie from 4C. Well done!



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Year 5 and 6 Football

On Wednesday 24th January the Year 5 and 6 boys finally started their football season after many cancelled matches in the autumn term. They were invited to compete in Epic's 5-a-side tournament which took place at the Alan Higgs Centre. To say they were excited would be a huge understatement! They had great expectations for their first matches of the year and this excitement continued to grow as they were unbeaten through the group stages. Unfortunately, due to a very small difference in points, the team did not progress any further through the competition. Mrs Pearson-Dodd and Miss Colbourne were very proud of the team and they should be proud of their achievements as a group! A special mention must go to Archie S for leading the team brilliantly as captain, and a further well done to Thomas, Archie B and Archie S for being voted players of the tournament by the opposing teams.

NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday- 2^{nd} February- is NSPCC's NUMBER DAY! We will be completing a number of fun maths activities throughout the day. We are encouraging children to 'dress up for digits', wearing any items 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.

Sponsored events

THANK YOU to our Eastern Green community for all of your generous donations towards improving our reading environments in school. We raised a total of £2124.20 which is fantastic! The total amounts raised by each class are as follows:

3PS	£176.10		
3 <i>C</i>	£303.31		
4L	£252.50		
4 <i>C</i>	£364.69		
5 <i>C</i>	£164.00		
5M	£144.40		
6L	£473.50		
6AC	£245.70		

Thank you so much to the PTA who have also generously donated £100 per class.

All of this money will be spent on purchasing new books for each classroom and making the reading areas more inviting.



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Congratulations!

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Lawless is expecting her first baby which will arrive in the summer. We are sure you will all join us in wishing her the very best!



Monday 8th January - Thursday 8th February

Calendar: Spring One

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

Year 5 trip to Coombe Abbey

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

PE Kit

We have noticed that many children are not wearing suitable kit on their PE days. The purpose of kit is to allow them to participate in physical activities safely. A reminder that PE kit is as follows:

- Black or navy, plain leggings/jogging bottoms/shorts
- Black or navy, plain hoody/jumper for outdoor PE days. No large logos
- House t-shirt or a plain t-shirt in the same colour. No football shirts or non-house colour t-shirts please
- Black, grey or white socks
- Trainers which are designed for sporting activities (not leisure trainers such as Converse)

Please ensure no jewellery is worn on PE days; if it is, it will need to be removed and placed in a valuables box in each classroom. This also applies to watches. Long hair must be tied back on these days too.

From after the half term holiday, if children come to school not wearing the correct kit we will be contacting parents to bring the correct items into school for their child to change into.



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Breaktime Snacks

Please be reminded that breaktime snacks should be fruit or vegetables, preferably in a reusable container to support the mission of our Eco-Committee. Children who bring snacks that are not fruit or vegetables will be asked to eat them with their lunch or after school. Please can you also ensure that any reusable pots are plastic and not glass.

Parking

We have received a number of complaints about inconsiderate and illegal parking outside the school on the yellow zig-zags and across dropped kerbs. Please remember that the yellow zig-zags are there to ensure that drivers have clear visibility near to the school gates where children are crossing. It is illegal to stop on them, even if only for a few seconds while you drop your child off, even if you are late, even if you are sitting in your car. Every month, 1200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen within 500m of a school. Don't let one of our children become one of those statistics.

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Cleaner Vacancy

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.

For further information or an application pack please contact the school office.