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## Newsletter Monday 3rd July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

During the INSET last Monday, the support staff had a training session on active playtimes and it is lovely to see many of these new activities now being tried out by our children at playtimes.

During the day, the staff also participated in a similar activity to the parents' questionnaire and we discussed various things that we think are really good about our school and what we think could be even better. Staff and parent feedback can now be fed into our School Improvement Plan for the coming year. Response to the parent questionnaire was as follows:

Of the 194 Parent Surveys that were given, 51 were returned = 26% of the whole school  
The percentages below are from the surveys that were returned.

### **By Class:**

**Class R** – 36%

**Class 1** – 37%

**Class 2** – 21%

**Class 3** – 23%

**Class 4** – 23%

**Class 5** – 33%

**Class 6** – 9%

Last week we had many visitors to school. New children from Tachbrook Nursery visited us on Thursday morning and then on Friday we had the New Reception Parents meeting. Class 5 and 6 were visited by the school nurse with a follow up lesson on Relationship and Sex Education.

On Thursday Class 6 attended the Year 6 Deanery Leavers Service at St Margaret's Chapel, Westminster Abbey. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, however I was exceptionally proud to hear from staff from other schools, that our children reading the prayers, read superbly. Well done Class 6!

### **Scooters and Bikes**

Mr Berhanu has made an area where scooters can be kept. This is next to the entrance to the PE shed and as a security measure, there is a bar where scooters can be chained to the wall. We would encourage children /parents to secure the scooters with a chain. Whilst children are welcome to leave



their scooters there, they do so at their own risk, we would like to stress that school is not responsible for them.

**Unfortunately we cannot allow bikes to be kept in school.** As a temporary measure, because there will be limited numbers, children taking part in the Bikeability programme next week and in the final week of term, are allowed to leave their bikes. However, we do not have the space to allow this permanently. Therefore I respectfully ask that children do not bring their bikes in at other times.

### Absence Requests

As we are nearing the Summer Holidays, I would like to draw to your attention to our Attendance Policy. To request a term time absence, parents should ask the office for an Absence Request Form. However, I am unable to authorise any holidays in term time. Whilst I understand that it is considerably cheaper to go away before the schools break up and to return after the children start back at school, I would respectfully ask that you keep travelling time to the school holidays only. The end of this school year and the start of the next school year in September, is just as important as any other time of the year and children miss out on valuable learning time in school if they are away.

### Class 3 Parents Evening

If your child is in Class 3 and you would like to talk to Mr Rice and Mrs Wotherspoon about how your child is doing, Class 3's parents evening is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July starting at 3.40pm and on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July starting at 2.30pm. Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the office.

### Prize Day Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July is Prize Day. This is a very special event in the school's calendar and is a celebration of all the school has achieved over the year and the achievements of those members of our school who will be moving onto pastures new! After the ceremony we have afternoon tea for children, parents, teachers and governors in the courtyard. It would be very helpful if you were able to make sandwiches, or provide cakes, biscuits or crisps for the afternoon tea. If you are able to do so, could you please bring the food to school on the morning of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July? Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school. Could you please indicate on the slip at the end of the newsletter what you would be able to provide? If you are able to help prepare afternoon tea or clean up later we would be most grateful. Many thanks for doing all you can to make it a happy and memorable occasion

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance since September is continuing to steadily creep upwards and is now 95.44%! It would be fantastic if we could beat 96% for the whole year. Please do continue to support your child and the school by ensuring they are in school and on time ready to learn. Not only is this supporting their learning, but punctuality is an excellent habit to embed for later life!

	09/06/2017	16/06/2017	23/06/2017	30/06/2017
<b>Class 6</b>	96.52	97.83	96.09	98.91
<b>Class 5</b>	96.67	98.67	97.67	97.5
<b>Class 4</b>	99	90	89.67	96.67
<b>Class 3</b>	97.67	98.67	95.33	98.75
<b>Class 2</b>	97.59	97.93	97.93	95.69
<b>Class 1</b>	94.67	99.33	96.33	97.5
<b>Class R</b>	96.36	96.82	97.73	93.48
<b>Average</b>	96.96	97.01	95.72	96.99

Well done Class 6, the winners this week with 98.91!%.

	<b>Mentions Book</b>	<b>Courtesy Book</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Freya and Humayra	Lucas and Adib
<b>Class 1</b>	Jacob and Minhaj	Minhaj and Reo
<b>Class 2</b>	Elzain and Zakaria	Amelia and Tayyiba
<b>Class 3</b>	Sienna and Calum	Mishel and Yasmin
<b>Class 4</b>	Omar and Alexandra	Abdullah and Pavle
<b>Class 5</b>	Lucas and Benjamin	Anila and Nathanael B
<b>Class 6</b>	Shabnam and Xiomara	Beau and Jewell

## Other Awards:

**Star of the week:** Negase, Class 6

**Class of the week:** Class 5

**House with the most points:** St. Edward

**Top Table:** Key Stage 1: Salma, Class 1

Key Stage 2: Amina, Class 3

**Newsletter draw book winner:** Harvey, Class 3

**Sports award:** Sonny, Class 4

**Music award:** Chinbold, Class 6

## Dates for Your Diary.....

Please do refer to these regularly as dates may change and new events will be added.

### Term/holiday Dates

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Last day of Summer term – School breaks up at 2.30pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** Children return to school

### Trips

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Class 1 to The London Aquarium

### Other Events:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Last week of clubs

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Last Swimming

**Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Bikeability for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Road safety talks for each class

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Full Governing Body Meeting

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Prize Day

### Events for Parents – apart from our weekly Family Assembly.....

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Yr 3 Parents Evening

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Reports go home



### Peace

#### Prayer for the week:

Compassionate God and Father of all,  
we are horrified at violence  
in so many parts of the world.  
Hold back the hands that kill and maim;  
turn around the hearts that hate.  
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -  
peace that passes our understanding  
but changes lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

I hope you have a great week!

Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher



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I have read and noted the contents of this newsletter. Date: July 3rd 2017

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Prize Day Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**I would be able to provide:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for afternoon tea on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I / we are able to help **prepare afternoon** tea on Wednesday 19th July at 1:30p.m.

I / we are able to help **clear up** at 4:00p.m. on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 4:00p.m.