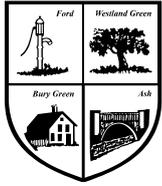


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'Believing and Achieving'

Friday 20th November 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Wow- what a fantastic final total for Pudsey- £820 ! Thank you to everyone for their support and especially our Gym Club members who certainly boosted funds with their sponsored disciplines, well done, Everyone!

In this week of Remembrance, I would also like to thank everyone who bought a poppy, as we raised £76.25. Thank you Sienna and Theo for your daily sales!

Lots of chocs and soft drinks came in today, so thank you from the FRIENDS for your support. One more bring in next Friday, this time for alcohol.

I would also like to welcome Michael in Maple Class and his family to our school. We hope you settle in very soon.

Text Messaging Service

Arising from the Governor/Parent Forum meeting a while ago, we are trying to improve communication further and are trialling a text messaging service, called 'Teachers2parents', for one month, initially. This gives us an opportunity to judge its effectiveness and help us decide if it will be a useful addition to our school system. We will be testing it out next week to be sure that it works, however, if anyone does not want to be included in this, then please let the office know asap. We are assured that it is completely confidential, so no-one else will be able to see another mobile number. Ultimately, it will more likely be used for emergency type messages, such as school closure or important reminders, as it is a pay-as-you-text system. The sender will appear as LHPS. It is designed for school to home contact only. We welcome your feedback on this.

St Michael's Christmas Carol Service

This year, our Y5/6 children will be singing in the St Michael's Carol Service on the evening of Tuesday 8th December at 7pm. It is a lovely way to celebrate Christmas and a very special evening of children's singing. More details to follow.

Royal Albert Hall Gala

I am thrilled to be able to announce that we have been fortunate in securing a place in next year's Royal Albert Hall Gala on Sunday 13th March 2016. It only happens every other year and so we are offering it to both Y5 and Y6 pupils. We have the evening performance this time and have arranged to share a coach with Thorley Hill School on the day. Unfortunately though, we can only have 20 places and so will have to hold a 'lucky dip' on people wanting to take part. A letter is coming out today, so please check book bags and return interest slips to the office by the end of next week, thank you.

Anti-Bullying Policy

As you may know, this week has been our Friendship Week which takes place during National Anti-Bullying Week. Traditionally, we always review our policy at this time and I have attached a copy of this with this newsletter. It will be uploaded to the school website, which shows our commitment to a zero tolerance approach to bullying. Changes from last year are highlighted in yellow.

We are also giving out today in book-bags, copies of the latest 'Digital Parenting' Magazine, so that parents can help keep their child safe online, as well as a 'Say No to Bullying' booklet for parents, which I hope you will find a helpful and an interesting read. Your feedback on these is always helpful.

Class Attendance Award

This week's top attenders are Ash Class with a perfect 100%. Across the school, we achieved an average of 98.1%. Today, we were visited by our Attendance Improvement Officer and feedback was mainly positive.

Going for Gold

The award this week goes to Beech Class - well done. I am very pleased to announce that we have one Supergold winner this week, so congratulations to Caitie. Well done also to any Platinum people!

Special Table

Our School Council requested that we revive our 'Special Table' in the Dining Hall to celebrate exceptional behaviour at lunchtime. This can be anything from amazing manners to eating your meals up to being a brilliant helper. Three pupils are nominated each week by the Midday Team and they then choose a different friend to sit with them each day on the 'Special Table'. The first people nominated this week were Becca, Henry and Ashley T- congratulations to you all!

Parking

I am sure that you have noticed the removal of the exit hedge, which generates at least one more parking space and, hopefully, makes the exit easier to navigate.

Christmas Bazaar

The Friends have requested the donation of any spare soft toys for the Bazaar, please leave them in the Office.

Coming Up Next...

- Mon 23rd Nov: Mrs Stockley on 'Stonewall' Anti- Homophobic Bullying Training at Northgate all day. Vicar In.
Tues 24th Nov: Mrs Courtman-Stock joins us in Beech Class for the day (Meet the Teacher date to follow soon)
Thurs 26th Nov: Autism Training- Mrs Lammin- all day
Maths Training at Thorley Hill - Teaching Assistants -pm.
Fri 27th Nov: SIMS Update Meeting- Mrs Erswell and Mrs Stockley pm.
Last Bring In Day for 'Alcohol'

No Friday Film Club this week due to Christmas Bazaar preparation, sorry.

Sun 29th Nov: Christmas Bazaar- 12-3pm

Week 2

- Mon 30th Nov: Mrs Stockley and Mrs Nicklin on Early Excellence Review at Colchester -am
Tues 1st Dec: Mrs Wells on Maths Interventions Training all day.
Catalyst Primary literacy Network meeting here at 4pm
Wed 2nd Dec: Flu vaccine - Y2 pupils
Educational Psychologist Surgery at Furneux Pelham
Inaugural Parent Council and Head Meeting 2.30pm.
Whole school staff Level 1 Child Protection training.3.30-5.30pm.
Thurs 3rd Dec: Beech to Willow Class at Stevenage Panto. Times to follow.
Fri 4th Dec: Film Club returns with 'Saving Santa' (81mins so pick up 4.45pm)

Thank you for your continued support and donations to the Christmas Bazaar.

Yours sincerely

E Stockley

Mrs E Stockley

