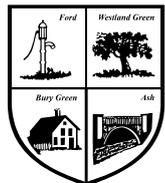


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'Believing and Achieving'

Friday 22nd April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

It really has been a week to remember!

With baby chicks hatching in Beech Class, rocket seeds from the International Space Station being planted in the Music Room, a gathering of junior philosophers, celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday, Parish Presentations by School Captains (well done, Sienna and Theo) and playing steel pans - just another week at Little Hadham Primary!

Thank you to everyone for helping to make our Street Party a special afternoon yesterday, especially the kind donations towards the refreshments. On behalf of the children, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their kind donation which enabled us to present each child with a commemorative coin as a souvenir of this unique event.

The steel pans were a 'hit' this morning with lots of dancing and playing the pans. The children have been encouraged to log on to their website and find out more about playing steel pans and their history, so take a look at www.iriesteelpanworkshops.com and play along. This session was an early introduction to our 'Diversity Weeks' coming up before half term.

Class Attendance Award

This week's top attenders are Ash Class with, yet again 100%. - such a keen lot! The average across the school was 98.3%, which is great, well done. From a phone conversation with our Attendance Officer this week, she was very happy with our attendance figures on the whole and did not feel that a visit was needed this term- good news all round, well done and thank you.

Going for Gold

The class with the most Triple Golds for the week ending 15th April was Lime Class, well done.

Special Table

The Special Tablers for next week are Jago, Connor and Matthew G, well done. Please could they invite a friend who also has a packed lunch.

Behaviour Policy Slips

Please can I remind all parents to return their acknowledgement slip for the Behaviour Policy, so that we can review and incorporate any suggestions that you may have.

Caretaker Vacancy

Hopefully, you have all seen our advert for a part-time caretaker for 15 hours per week. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let us know before we publish it to a wider audience.

Diary Dates

If you haven't already, please do look on our website for the new diary dates for the Summer term, so that you can put dates in your diaries. Lots happening!

Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat/fleece in school at the moment, as the weather is really variable.

Skipping Competition

The Sports Crew are running a skipping competition next week, so do encourage your child to practice over the weekend - maybe join in with them!

Race for Life

Speaking of keeping fit, thank you so much to those families, who have already pledged their support online for the Race for Life on May 15th. If you can't join us in person, perhaps you can donate via www.justgiving.com/Liz-Stockley, Thank you!

Coming Up Next

Mon 25th : Theatre in Education Company - 'Alice in Wonderland' - am

Tues 26th : SEN Funding Cluster at Little Hadham - am.

Performance Management Governor Meeting - 2pm

Catalyst Literacy Network Meeting at Little Hadham -4pm.

Thurs 28th: Heads Consortium 1pm

Y5 Tri-golf Festival - 1pm.

Fri 29th : Occasional Day - May Day Weekend.

Week 2

Mon 2nd : May Bank Holiday

Tues 3rd: DSPL3 Meeting 12-2pm - Mrs Stockley

Wed 4th : Singapore Bar Method in Maths Training - Mrs Wells and Mrs Tweedale

Thurs 5th:

Fri 6th: Y 5/6 Quicksticks Festival at Birchwood.

Millennium Wood Update

The latest update on the future of Millennium Wood is that there is a drive for the wood to be 'owned' by the local community through pledges of financial support, no matter how much or how little. So if you would like to 'own' a little piece of Millennium Wood, we have pledge forms in the school office or visit <https://www.facebook.com/savemillenniumwood/> on Facebook.

Parent Council Feedback

A positive to start with...

- The revised parking system looks to be helping, albeit early days.
- The future of Millennium Wood was raised and if the school/parents could offer support somehow. There would be a progress update at the Parish AGM, so we would know more then.
- Concern was raised over the attendance letters given to parents to inform them if their child's attendance falls below 90% attendance. As a school, we have to be accountable and show how we aim to meet the school's/County's/OFSTED's targets of 96%+. Whilst through 'First Day Calling' we mainly always know why a child is absent, if they are not in school, for whatever reason, their learning will be affected. If any parent receiving such a letter would like further explanation, then please do contact me, unfortunately, this is County policy and expectation - some schools even fine parents!
- A request was made for Parent Council helpers to help set up for the Queen's Street Party. Thank you in advance.

Thank you for your continued support and remember next **FRIDAY 29th APRIL** is our **Occasional Day** and the school is closed.

Yours sincerely

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