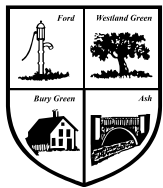


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'Believing and Achieving'

Friday 20th January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you have all had a chance to visit the website for the updated diary dates for this term. There are some really key dates that I hope you can support. For example...

Parents Mindfulness Session

As part of our Well-being focus, on **Thursday 2nd February** in the evening (7pm), we are holding a **free** Mindfulness training session for parents. Mindfulness is a strategy for helping alleviate stress and anxiety. It is not physically taxing or mental challenging (not just colouring!) and it is something that we are gradually introducing to the children in school. Some of the staff have adopted the strategies and it really does help in this busy world of ours. I do hope that some of you will come along and find out more!

Parents E-safety Presentation

In connection with our Safer Internet Day, I would like to share a Parents Presentation on '**E-safety at home**' at 9.15-9.45am on that day, Tuesday 7th February. Please do stay on after drop-off, have a coffee and ensure that you are doing your very best at home to keep your children safe online.

FRIENDS Quiz Night

The annual FRIENDS Quiz Night is on **Saturday 25th March** in the Village Hall. If anyone feels that they may be able to help in any way, either setting up earlier or on the night, please contact either Sam Day or Emma Ranade.

Parents Information Evening - Maths

Following on from our successful Parents Information Evening last term, we are holding another one this term but this time for supporting Maths at home. We will be looking at using Manipulatives (maths tools) across all years and the Singapore Bar Method, which is a highly effective strategy and process applicable to all. The date is **Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm**, so please save the date.

Class Attendance Award

The best attenders this week are in **Maple Class** with a perfect 100%, how good is that! Attendance across the school was 96.5%, which is still a good result considering all the germs that continue to circulate. Our Attendance Improvement Officer is visiting us next Tuesday, so we hope that we are on the right track.

Special Table

This week's Special Tablers are **Ruby D, Delilah and Francesca**, congratulations!

Friday Film Club

Next week's Friday Film is '**The Fox and the Child**' with a running time of 90 minutes, so collection is at **4.45pm**, please. This film is not an animation but has received great reviews- 'Beautiful' and 'Magical'.

Free School Meals

We would like to remind parents that applications for Free School Meals offer far more than just a free lunch (at either KS1 or KS2). The school receives additional funding for pupils on Free School Meals which enables school to support those families with school trips, uniform, swimming etc, so if you feel that you may be eligible or would like to know more, please go online at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals and simply complete the online form. If that is not convenient, please contact the office and they will help you through the process. It really is worth your while to pursue.

Y6 Music Festival at Rhodes

Our Y6 pupils will be joining other local schools at the Y6 Music Festival, 'It's Good to be Me' at the Rhodes Theatre on Thursday 23rd March in the evening. Tickets go on sale from the Box Office at Rhodes on 01279 651746, price £10, from Thursday 26th January, so don't miss out on a good seat!

Y6 Maths Club

Due to both Mrs Wells and Mrs Tweedale and myself on training, there will be **NO Maths Club on Monday 30th January**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Winter Clothes and Welly Wednesdays

I am pleased to see most of the children wrapped up warm for this chilly weather, however, if possible, please could children bring a pair of school shoes to change in to during the day rather than wearing boots all day, thank you.

We have also had a request from the children to re-introduce 'Welly Wednesday', where children bring their wellies to school, in a sturdy plastic carrier bag, so that they can play games on the field, thus giving a bit more room on the playground. It might also give our active mole a bit of a headache!

Car Parking

I have been asked to remind parents that if you are collecting children from different collection times, then please try to park in the little car park or side spaces. If you are a KS2 parent, please try and arrive at school nearer 3.15pm to allow for KS1 parents to leave the car park. Of course, it does rely on parents and younger pupils leaving the playground promptly.

Coming Up Next

- Mon 23rd: Full Governing Body Meeting - 6.30pm
- Tues 24th: Attendance Improvement Officer visit - am
Catalyst Forest Network at Thorley Hill - 4pm
Child Protection training
- Wed 25th: Mrs Erswell on training - am
- Thurs 25th: Catalyst Breakfast Meeting - Mrs Stockley
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Partnership Festival
Science Cluster at St Andrews - Mrs Martin

Week 2

- Mon 30th: Mrs Tweedale on Maths training
Mrs Courtman-Stock/Mrs Wells on Y2 Moderation - pm
Mrs Stockley at Catalyst Heads From at Windhill - pm
Effective Governor Training in school - 7-9pm
- Tues 31st: History off the Page - Vikings in Lime Class all day
Mrs Stockley at DSPL3 Executive Meeting
- Wed 1st: Mrs Stockley on Child Protection Update training - pm.
- Thurs 2nd: STAGE Network Staff meeting - 4pm
Parents Mindfulness Evening
- Fri 3rd: STAGE Network Enrichment Morning - Y3/4

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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