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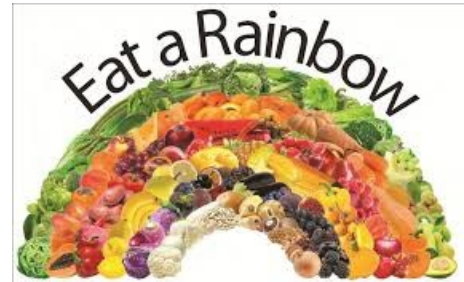
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Skill for Success
this half term—

Responsibility

17th January 2019



Message from the Headteacher:

Last week I was delighted to give out 24 'praise' letters to celebrate improved attendance. Attendance is monitored daily, weekly and with the Education Welfare Officer every half term. It is vital that all children attend regularly in order to not have gaps in their learning and knowledge.

Governing Board

The board met this week for their monthly meeting and were joined by 2 new staff members—Mrs Liz Beckett and Mr Matt Morgan. Further details of all governors and meetings including minutes, monitoring reports, questions and decisions are provided on our website.

Food Waste and Food Litter

This week the children are making an excellent effort to waste less food and to make sure that any litter goes in the bin. Children with packed lunches are encouraged to eat all their food but if they can't manage it all or there's something they don't like, they are asked to take the food home and discuss with their parents. The dining hall floor has been very clean so far this term—well done!

Primary PE Performer Award

Every year the feeder primary schools are invited to nominate children for a Tavistock College Award. This year, we have nominated Phoebe Frise for her performance in Judo. The ceremony is this evening and our fingers are crossed for Phoebe.

Year 6 Dissection Visit

On Tuesday 22nd January Year 6 are visiting the Science Labs at Tavistock College to watch the dissection of a 'pluck' (heart, lungs and liver of an animal). Last year this proved to be very valuable learning experience.

HSA Fundraising

The Christmas Hamper raffle was very successful and raised £278. Thank you to the HSA and parents.

Foundation Stage New Build

This week the old building was demolished in just 2 days. It was fascinating to see the huge claw ripping the roof and walls apart. The ground will now be cleared and fully surveyed before foundation work can start.

Swimming Squad Trial

Many children from Years 3-6 entered the trial for our squad this year. Selected children will hear at the beginning of next week in order to prepare for training.

Youth Speaks Competition

3 teams of Year 6 children are busy preparing for this public speaking event next Thursday. We are again hosting this local round of the competition and there are 15 teams from other schools entered. Last year we won this and went through to the regional finals. Good Luck to our team members—Amalie, Autumn and Theo; Ben, Isobel and Matilda; Jenna, Olivia and Sophie.

Nursery Clothes

The Nursery would be grateful for donations of casual spare clothes, trousers and socks (2-3 years old). Please hand them in to the office—thank you.

Uniform

We have many items of uniform on our 'thrift' rail—shirts, trousers, skirts and pinafores in various sizes—please come in to school via the office and have a look. Also, if you have black school shoes that your child has outgrown, please donate them to school as spares. Thank you.

Advance Notice—Bag to School Thursday 7th March

If you are having a Spring clear out, please keep items for our collection in March. The 'blue bags' will come out with children later in the term.

Talk Boxes

A very enthusiastic group of Year 6 pupils have given their time and organisation skills to set up activities for our younger children supported by Ms Smith. All of the activities have been very well received and KS1 children are very excited each break time to explore the new resources.

Thank you to Ms Smith and Riley, Katie, Jack, Phoebe, Phoebe, Han, Neve, Leah, Maggie, Sophie and Alfie.

Diary Dates

Events in January

Wednesday afternoons—swimming continues for selected KS2 pupils
Thurs 24th—Youth Speaks competition

Events in February

Mon 4th —Y5 Art Project
Mon 4th—Parents' Eve 3.30-5.30pm
Tues 5th — Internet Safety Day
Tues 5th — Governors' Board
Wed 6th — EWO Monitoring visit
Wed 6th — Parents' Eve 4-6pm
Thurs 7th — Chris Harding Assembly
Tues 12th — Cross Country

Family Assemblies

Friday 1st Feb—Year 6
Friday 15th Feb—Year 4
Friday 1st March—Years 1 and 2
Friday 8th March—Year 5
Friday 15th March—Year 3
Friday 29th March—Year Reception

Term Dates

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb Half Term
Fri 5th April Last day of term
Tues 23rd April First day of term
Mon 27th to Mon 3rd June Half term
Fri 19th July Last day of term

Tuesday 3rd Sept—First day of term

