



Academy News

4th March 2016

An amazing couple of weeks has passed since half term. We have seen children extending their own learning, parents becoming involved with the children's curriculum and a wonderful array of book and literacy related topics.

With the word 'extreme' being used as an adjective before many regular activities, it was our turn with reading this week. Please visit the school website to see further work from this week.

Governor News

Mrs Spaul is our new staff governor member. She will be attending our local meetings and I know she will be made to feel very welcome. The deadline for parent governor nominations was today, so hopefully I will have some further governor news for you very soon.

Positive Mind.
Positive Vibes.
Positive Life.

As we move into the rest of this half term, we are looking at how we can take control of our own behaviours. The entrance way is going to be our visual prompt area. The positivity work will be displayed on the wall near the library, thinking about how we can change our attitude to learning from neutral to positive. Think about the way in which we talk about things we cannot do, or find hard. Do you see it is a failure, or something to work harder towards?

Rhianna in Year 2 says 'Work is sometimes hard but I still like it. I always give my best'. Rhianna is always smiling too! Her photograph is on our display.

Do you have an artistic talent? Do you have some spare time to come and help put some work up on the walls for us? To help make some interactive displays with animals, environments or vehicles? Please let us know if you are able to offer some time.



Outdoor Area

We are officially able to use our outdoor woodland learning area. Mrs Aspinwall has worked hard with the landscape firm, and has also managed to secure additional features, such as bat and bird boxes, and possible shrubs and seeds for the spring. Are you interested in the outdoors? Do you know how to make dens and identify leaves from trees? Please contact Mrs Aspinwall if you would like to help out with the outdoor learning groups, particularly if you are available towards the end of the week to support children's learning, or support the managing of the outdoor area.



Gracie Bailey would like to run a bake sale on Friday 11th March, after school. It will be to raise money for Cancer Research. She has seen some adverts for the charity and would like to help out by sending some money. If you can bake some cupcakes, buns or muffins to contribute to the sale, please send them into Gracie, via the school office, on Friday morning. The sale will run after school and will be on a first come first served basis. All cakes will cost 25p each. Holly will be helping Gracie with the sale. Any other offers of help will be appreciated.



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Attendance is presently 94.4%. Our target is 96.5% to be in line with National Expectations. Please make sure your children attend school regularly and are on time.

Places for Before and After School Club.

If you would like your child to attend either clubs please complete a form prior to the session where at all possible. It is easier for ensuring there are sufficient staff and supplies for the children.

Dates for your diary:

- 07/03 – Half Yearly School Reports home
- 07/03—Year 3 Castle visit
- 08/03—Governing Body meeting
- 10/03—Year 6 to Letton Hall
- 14/03 & 15/03 Termly Learning Conference
- 16/03 – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Cluster Multi-skills
- 17/03 – Class Photographs
- 23/03—Easter Competitions
- 24/03 – Easter experience day
- 24/03 – End of Term
- 11/04—Term Starts
- 19/04—Year 3 Cycling Proficiency starts
- 21/04—Year 5/6 Cluster Football
- 28/04—Year 3/4 Cluster Football
- 29/04—Dogs Trust visit to school
- 02/05—Bank Holiday

Easter Raffle

We will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle during the last week of term. Tickets will be 50p each and the draw will be made on the last day of term. If you would like tickets, these will be available at the start and end of the day - different colours are for different eggs!

Lost and Found

There are several unnamed and unclaimed water bottles, jumpers and cardigans in the lost property area of school. There are also shoes and trousers!

A pair of size 2 bright yellow trainers have also gone missing. Could you please look in your child's sport bags to see if they have been picked up in error, and return them to school. Many thanks.

Have you got bits and pieces you would like to sell on? Have you got items you no longer use, or something that you are looking for? If you would like to advertise your items wanted, for sale or for free, let the office know and we can put a column onto the newsletter.

Easter Competitions

We are looking at holding some Easter competitions in the last week of term. As the week is only 4 days long, and we have our Easter Experience day on the Thursday, we are going to hold the finals on Wednesday 23rd March.

Reception: Decorate a plant pot

Year 1: Create an Easter 3D picture

Year 2: Make an Easter Bonnet

Year 3: Decorate an 'egg'

Year 4: Create a home for an Easter Bunny

Year 5: Make an Easter 'plate'

Year 6: Make an Easter Basket

We are asking for Governor Judges for each class, and there will be prizes for winners of particular categories—best effort, Easter Effort, most alternative thinking and judges favourite.

We are due to have an inspection around our Christian Values and distinctiveness within the next month or so. It is hoped that the outcomes will reflect how our school works within the remit of Church of England. Our school ethos group will form after the Easter break, and it is hoped that this can support the Academy Improvement Plan and strategic direction for the future. There are volunteers from the Governing Body, staff, children and the community, as well as a parent voice. Please put your name forward if you would like to be part of this, helping to shape our academy and the future pathways the children may follow.