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Weekly Newsletter: 25th March 2024

IMPORTANT – start of building work

The building of our brand-new Nursery block is due to start this week – meaning the area at the front will be closed off / out of bounds for children. This will also temporarily affect access to the site (the top gate will be unusable).

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning that car parking around the school will be impacted due to the extra vehicles; both contractors and staff (part of the staff carpark will also be closed). I would recommend walking / parking a little further away if you can... We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused but it will be worth it in the long run! (We will talk to the children about safety and take plenty of photos as the building develops).

Attendance & holiday fines

As we are coming up to the end of the Spring term, we will be sending letters about attendance and copies of registration certificates to ALL children this week. Please remember that we should be aiming for at least 95% attendance (missing no more than 9 school days in the year). Anything less than 90% is classed as 'persistent absence' and has a negative impact on their chances of success.

Meanwhile, the local authority have released details about the increase in **holiday fines** to come into effect from September. They will be a MINIMUM of £80 per parent, per child (if paid within 21 days). This means a family with 2 parents and 3 children could be fined £480 for an unauthorised holiday in term time (double if not paid within 21 days). See information sheet sent alongside this newsletter for more information.

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Reminders for this week

- **Ozzie Owl's penalty shootout** to take place on Monday. Prizes available; please bring a donation (suggested £2); split between SWFC's Community Charity and school (to be spent on new playtime equipment as chosen by the children).
- **'Dr Bike'** also in school Monday – bring bikes for a FREE safety check (thank you to those who have returned the slip. There may be time for others too but I can't guarantee it – let us know if you would like me to ask!).
- Bring **decorated eggs** on either Monday or Tuesday only.
- **Egg rolling** is at 1:30pm on Wednesday. Some parents have raised a concern about food waste and this is a very good point. If you would like to help 'offset' this, please consider donating some food to our 'Bags of Kindness' scheme (box in the entrance hall).
- We break up on **Wednesday** because Thursday is an INSET day and Friday is a bank holiday.

Yoga

Kids Love Yoga are once again running a yoga camp over the holidays. If you would like to find out more / book a place, click [here](#).

FoWSS Disco – Save the Date!

This will take place on the 30th April. More information and tickets available after the Easter break.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Lacey, Thomas M (Ash); Sienna BR, Max (Rowan); Eloise (Sycamore)
- ★ **Silver:** Lacey, Felicity (Ash); Will HS, Ella, Ellessa (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Oliver, Celeste, Fearne, Cooper (Willow); Lunar, Leo (Sycamore); Jonah, Casey-Leigh, Isaac (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Violet & Teddy
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** Fearne
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was just below 95% last week (94.6%). The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 94.8% and Oak (KS2) with 99.5% (note - the wrong figures were read out in assembly; sorry kids!)
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won the house point trophy last week with a very impressive 264 points!
- ★ Well done to the children from the Learning Zone who represented us at last Monday's table cricket competition; where we came 3rd overall.
- ★ Also, children in Ash were very well behaved for Tuesday's phonics workshop. If you came along to this, we hope you learned lots about how we teach the children to read.



This week's birthdays: Molly (6), Thomas P (6).

During the holidays: Max (8), Hope (8), Enes (8)

This week's 'School Standard' is: Be kind

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be learning all about the Easter story.

Ash are exploring different types of measures; including length, mass, volume and time.

Willow have been observing their sunflowers growing and recording how they change.

Children in The Learning Zone are writing their own dinosaur poem based on 'What If?' by Isabel Joshlin-Glaser

Rowan are writing acrostic poems about the stone age.

Sycamore were sad to say goodbye to Miss Anstee last week who has now finished her placement. This week, they are looking forward to another visit from teachers / pupils from Stocksbridge High (this time to focus on English & Drama).

Oak are finishing their topic by answering the question: Where would you prefer to live - Anglo-Saxon Britain or during the Golden Age of Baghdad?

Meanwhile, Reverend Michelle from Bightholmlee Methodist Chapel will be coming in to do an assembly about Easter for us on Monday.



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