'Nurturing aspirations, celebrating individuality, fulfilling potential'

Letter 18 23rd January 2017

Dear Parents

A longer letter this week! Do please read it since there is lots of information about next week.

Sports Hall Athletics

A huge 'well done' to all those children who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics event last week. As a small school we did extremely well first of all to qualify for the finals and secondly to compete and nearly gain the bronze position. Mrs Clarke said that the standard at the finals was very high and there is special congratulations to Molly for 1st in the speed bounce, Tilly for 2nd in the speed bounce, Poppy Reeves for 2nd in the chest throw, Bella for 2nd in the high jump, Jonty for 1st in the speed bounce and triple jump, Soul for 3rd in the long jump, and to Jonty, Soul, Archie and Josh S for 2nd in the obstacle race.

Mind, Body and Soul Week: 30th January – 3rd February

With the beginning of a New Year we have decided that a focus on Mind, Body and Soul would be the perfect way to start afresh and support all those New Year resolutions. Mrs Bird has been busy organising a whole host of activities for the children to take part in to inspire us to live a healthier life.

Monday	Wake & Shake – 8.55 am Healthy Eating Assembly - 9.00 am Parents welcome Break time – Smoothie bike	Karate coaching (Heikina Kai Karate) for Class 3 1pm-3pm
Tuesday	Break time – Smoothie bike	Yoga sessions (Yoga teacher) for Whole School 1pm-3pm
Wednesday		Steve Hutchinson from Scripture Union for Whole School 1pm-3pm Healthy snacks – Cooking sessions 1pm-3pm For Whole School Snacks in playground 3pm
Thursday		Sports Taster Afternoon for Whole School 1pm – 3pm Tennis (ADS) Rugby (Fairford Rugby Coaches) Keep fit skills
Friday	Whole School Run on the field 11.30 am – 12 noon	Sports for Schools visit from David Abrutat Circuit training and talk for Whole School 1pm – 3pm

So children will need their PE kits in school every day next week to be able to take part in all these activities. In addition, the children will be having Mindfullness sessions in class and taking part in activities that support Growth Mindset.

Sports for Schools: Don't forget your sponsorships also available online: www.sportsforschools.org/event/GL500

Life Education Bus

Everyone enjoyed using the Life Education Bus last week and I would like to share feedback I received from the Life Education teacher: "As always it was a pleasure to visit your lovely school. Thank you to everyone who has made me so very welcome and helped to make the visit a really fantastic experience. I very much enjoyed working with the children who are a credit to your school."

The importance of Reading at Key Stage 2

Just a reminder about the importance of continuing to encourage your child to read at home since this will have a huge impact on their progress and to remind you that reading is part of the homework that your child is expected to do. Even if your child loves to read by themselves, I would encourage you to continue to listen to your child read a couple of times a week for a short period (10 minutes or more) since by interacting, questioning and discussing what they read, you are building important comprehension skills. May I remind you also, that their reading homework must be signed and if there is no evidence that they are doing their reading homework, they will be asked to catch up at playtime.

Class 1 to visit the lambs

Last year Class 1 visited the lambs at Donkeywell Farm and this year Russell and Laura Emmerson have kindly offered to let us come again. We will need lots of parent helpers on the day to transport and supervise the children and if you can volunteer on the morning of Tuesday 28th February that would be great. Please come and see Mrs Burton if you can help. We will need to know by 8th February so that we can organise this trip.

Headlice

There has been another outbreak of headlice in school. Please can we appeal to all parents to check their children's heads regularly and treat incidents of head lice as soon as they are detected. As you will appreciate, it is very difficult to prevent these incidents but the best advice seems to be 'detection combing' on a regular basis - ideally weekly. Keeping longer hair tied up may also help. The following website link provides advice about the detection and treatment of head lice:
http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx#treatment
Thank you for your co-operation.

Next Term

Next term our whole school topic is 'Superheroes' with a focus on English and PSHE. On March 3rd we are planning a dress up day on the 'Superheroes' theme so time for you to get planning with your children.

Yours sincerely,
Caroline Burton
Head Teacher

Diary Dates for Term 3

Tuesday 24th January	Lizzie's Choir 3pm -4pm
Thursday 26th January	Kitchen Club for Class 1
Friday 27th January	Nature Club 3pm – 4pm
Monday 30th January	**Mind, Body and Soul Week (see timetable above)**
	Parents invited to our Healthy Eating Assembly at 9am
	Karate for Class 3 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 31st January	Yoga sessions (Whole School) 1pm – 3pm
	Lizzie's Choir 3pm – 4pm
Wednesday 1st February	Scripture Union visit
Thursday 2nd February	Sports afternoon: Rugby, Tennis & Fitness Skills
Friday 3rd February	Whole School Run 11.30 am – 12 noon
	Sports for Schools with David Abrutat 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 7th February	Lizzie's Choir 3pm – 4pm
Friday 10th February	Nature Club 3pm – 4pm
	End of Term 3
Monday 20th February	**Term 4 starts**
Thursday 23rd February	Swimming starts

Parents' evening – Advance date

Parents' evening will be on Tuesday 7th March from 3.30pm – 5.30 pm and Wednesday 15th March 4pm – 7 pm.

Cross Country Events

Tuesday 21st February – KINGSHILL 4.15 pm start
Friday 24th February – FARMORS 4.15 pm start
Wednesday 1st March – DEER PARK 4.15 pm start

French Residential

A reminder that the second payment for the trip to St Omer is due by 30th January (cheques payable to *Hatherop Primary School*).