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Every Child Every Chance Every Day

Friday 06th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 19 th Oct	Halloween Disco
Friday 20 th Oct	School closed – Inset Day
Monday 23 rd Oct	Half Term
Wednesday 1 st Nov } Thursday 2 nd Nov }	KS1 and KS2 ‘Work Sharing’. Children will share the work they have been doing with their Parents/Carers (More information to follow).
Tuesday 14 th Nov	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th Nov	Parents Evening
Tuesday 28 th Nov	Year 5 visit to Abingdon Gymnastics Club
Friday 8 th Nov	Christmas Fayre (3.00pm – 4.30pm)
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Nativity Play 2.15pm (for Reception, Yr1, Yr2 Parents)
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Nativity Play 10.00am (for Reception, Yr1, Yr2 Parents)
Thursday 14 th Dec	Nursery and Reception classes visit to the Theatre
Weds 14 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Arts & Crafts morning
Thursday 14 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner (NB Dinners will need to be ordered in advance)
Tuesday 19 th Dec	Christmas non-uniform day. End of term achievement assembly.
Wednesday 3 rd Jan	Inset day – School closed
Thursday 4 th Jan	Spring Term starts
Monday 8 th Jan	Clubs begin this week

Learning Snapshots

This week all the children in the school have been doing a maths problem solving activity. Children have been applying their maths skills in many different ways. In Year 1 children were finding out how many different combinations they could wear if they had gloves, hats and scarves in either red or blue. In Year 2 the children have been investigated how many different ways 3 scoops of different flavoured ice cream can be arranged. After completing their problem solving activity the Year 4 class were reflecting on how they could apply what they had learnt to future work. They children identified how important collaboration was to help them and how they needed to record their findings in a way that could be understood by themselves and others. The Year 5 class have been working out the number of possible outcomes by adding the total of 2 dice and subtracting a 3rd.

Next week the teachers will be joining teachers from other schools in The VAT to compare the different approaches children have used to tackling these maths challenges and this will be used to further develop children’s skills.

School Photos

Photos will be coming home with your children on Monday 9th October. Please make sure that any orders that you would like to make are returned to the office by Monday 16th October. After this date any orders you have will need to be placed directly with Tempest Photography.

Flu Vaccinations

The School Nurse team will be carrying out flu vaccinations for years R,1,2,3 & 4 on Friday 17th November. Your child will soon bring home a consent form and further information. These will be collected from school by the School Nurses on Friday 13th October so please make sure they have been returned to the office by this date. If you have any queries or concerns about the vaccination please contact the School Nurse Offices directly using the details on the consent form.

Achievements - Week ending Friday 29th September

Stars of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as stars of the week by their teachers last week: Year 1 – Grace, Year 2 – Henry; Year 3– Lexi; Year 4 – Jessica; Year 5 – Emelia; Year 6 – Libby.

Writer of the Week: Congratulations to Hayden in Year 4 who was chosen as writer of the week for writing a great set of instructions of how to make a 'Worry Doll'. He included bullet points and a clear sequence of numbered steps.

Learning Hero: Jayden (Year 3) was chosen as the week's Learning Hero by his class. The children explained that Jayden always followed the 5Rs and was very good at staying focused on his learning. Jayden is good at helping others if they get stuck in 'the pit'.

Attendance: Congratulations to Year 5 who had the highest attendance last week with 96.5%. In a week where many children were off with a sickness bug, Year 5 were the only class with attendance above our target of 96%.

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice
Headteacher