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Happy Half Term

We have made it to half term and we are all very much looking forward to a well earned break next week. It has been an interesting start to the academic year and we have faced many new challenges, but thanks to your support we have been able to settle the children back in to school life and ensure everyone is learning and making progress. Thank you for your patience as we have got to grips with using platforms such as Zoom to deliver parent consultation evenings and class assemblies (we were determined that these important parts of the school calendar should continue) and for reading the many letters regarding the ever changing guidance. On behalf of the staff I would like to pass on our appreciation for your kind words at the gates and supportive messages. Enjoy the half term break and please stay safe.



Administering Medicines

There are occasions when children need to take medicines during the school day e.g. when they have been prescribed a course of antibiotics or they need pain relief. We are able to administer medicines to your child where it is deemed essential but the following protocols must be followed in order to safeguard your child and members of staff.

- All medicines must be prescribed by a doctor, nurse practitioner, dentist or pharmacist.
- All medicines must be handed to the school office in their original container and packaging.
- The original prescription label giving details of the child and the dose to be administered must be clearly visible on the container.
- Staff cannot administer medicines which have been removed from their original packaging.
- Staff can only administer non-prescription medicines e.g. pain relief, with specific prior written permission from parents or carers and clear details of the dosage required.
- The Headteacher must give written agreement for any medicines to be administered in school.
- The administration of medicines will be witnessed by two members of staff and the dosage and time will be recorded in the school medical book.



Friendship Run

This week, despite the rain, everyone has been taking part in our first Friendship Run. The children have been working hard to complete a number of personal challenges as part of this virtual tournament. The challenges included running with friends, completing a scavenger hunt whilst running, running non-stop for a set amount of time, or logging the total distance completed by the class. For the foreseeable future all the tournaments the children will be participating in will be virtual but this event has proved that they can still be enjoyable and motivating for everyone.



The Romans Have Arrived!

Year 4 have been learning about the Roman invasions of Britain this term and over the last 3 days they have had the opportunity to immerse themselves completely in the life and times of Roman Britain to deepen their understanding. They explored arts and crafts by moulding their own Roman bowls, vases and oil lamps, and demonstrated their knowledge of the might of the Roman Army by creating their own miniature legion, complete with the helmets, shields and swords they had made! On day 2, the Commanders took charge, barking out orders for drills and formations, with the children chanting the Roman mantra: Proud, Alert, Obedient! Finally, they had the opportunity to curate their own Roman Museum, and film it so parents and families could see their hard work.



Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to make a repeating pattern for you.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the story of 'Barry the Fish with Fingers'.

Ask your Year 2 child to name some microhabitats.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you what skills you need when presenting a power point.

Ask your Year 4 child to describe the techniques they used to create their Roman pottery.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the features of writing persuasively.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the chunking method for division.

FORTHCOMING DATES 2020 to 2021

These dates may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance over the coming months. We hope to be able to produce a more extensive list as the term progresses. Currently it is planned to hold meetings and events via zoom.

26th—30th October—HALF TERM

2nd November—Children return to school

13th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

w/c 16th November—Anti bullying week

16th November—Flu vaccinations

8th December —Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

9th December —Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

10th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity

10th December —Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

19th December—1st January 2021—CHRISTMAS BREAK

4th January Children return to school



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Emo in Pegasus Class— Emo has transformed his learning in the last few weeks due to his hard work, perseverance and a renewed attitude. It has been a delight to see and you should be proud of your achievements Emo.

Benjamin in Blue Class—Benjamin has really impressed Mrs O'Rourke with his reading this week. He has worked so hard and is so super confident with his phonics he is making fantastic links to all the texts he is reading.

E-Scooters—A Message from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Cambridgeshire Police have recently had to deal with numerous incidents relating to children riding e-scooters in a dangerous manner on pavements as well as roads. Not only is this a safety concern for other road users, pedestrians and the rider themselves, but they are also breaking the law. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the UK Law with regards to e-scooters and specifically in regards to children and young people under 18 years.



Privately owned e-scooters are not permitted to be used on UK roads, pavements or cycle lanes. They are only permitted to be used on private land with the land owner's permission. Anyone who rides an e-scooter on a public road, cycle lane or pavement will be committing various road traffic offences.

The only caveat to that is that in Cambridge city there is a trial underway where it is possible to lawfully hire a scooter but certain conditions must be complied with, for example they cannot be ridden on pavements, that the rider is 18 years or more and holds a current driving licence. The legislation has been amended to allow trials of these to take place country wide, currently Cambridge city is the only area of our county to be taking part.

Therefore, school children must not ride them, if they do they are committing offences.

For further information use this link <https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/government-fast-tracks-trials-of-electric-scooters/>



Following a number of queries from parents and carers, I would like to clarify that despite some confusing reports in the press, the Autumn half term break in Cambridgeshire is for one week only.

The children will return to school on **Monday 2nd November 2020.**