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Attendance Ted

Well done this week to Goslings (Reception class) for much improved attendance and reaching a class average of 97%. Amazing attendance from class 5B too – 100% - well done to everyone! 😊



Forest School next week

Next week, on Thursday 24th October, Kiwi Class (Year 2 – Mrs Deacon and Mrs Brown) will be taking part in Forest School. Please can children come to school dressed in clothes suitable for Forest School, and have a coat and boots so they can enjoy the experience.



A message from Miss Harris

A short message from me this week – there is so much else to say in this newsletter!

As always, it's been another busy week. I have enjoyed hearing Year 3 play the recorder and joined Year 6 as they were discussing the different components of blood – it was lovely to hear how the children's scientific knowledge is developing. Several year groups have been focusing on addition and subtraction in maths – well done to Year 1 and 2 with their work on the part-part-whole model to help them with their calculations.

A quick reminder – next week is the last week of Term 1 – we finish on Thursday and school will be closed to pupils on Friday.

Positive Changes and Successes

We have introduced representations from all Key Stage Two classes to be Eco-Champions and others to sit on our School Council.

Our Eco-Champions will lead on different projects to support sustainability and how we can look after the planet more effectively. They are beginning by planting some bulbs in containers to develop our environment.

Thank you to Miss Bradley for leading the group.



Our School Council met for the first time this morning and will be reporting the outcomes of their discussions to Miss Harris next week to support aspects of improvement in school. So important to have pupils involved in how we are developing our school. Thank you to Mrs Stolton and Mrs Bradshaw for leading our School Council.

Donations for The Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for all the donations already sent into school to support the Rotary Club with their Christmas 'Shoebox Appeal'.

We have been asked if we could collect non-food items, small enough to fit into a shoebox, to send to children in Romania and Ukraine whose only Christmas gift will be the items in the shoebox. Items donated will be sorted into shoeboxes to create a gift box for children of different ages.

The following items are requested: Toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, baby wipes, baby oil Reception Stationery, small books, notepads, plasticine, pencil cases Toys, games (nothing that needs a battery), skipping ropes, soft toys, playing cards, stickers, toy cars, dolls, playdough, gloves, scarves, hats, combs, mirrors, socks, T lights, soaps, sponges, flannels, hair decorations, roll on deodorants and teenage items – cosmetics, stationery, games, jewellery

Please bring any donations you are able to make into school by Wednesday 23rd October. We will then pass them on to members of Rotary for collection and packing.

The 500 Words Writing Competition – an opportunity for children to write for an audience

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 words or less.

Finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous **grand finale** at Buckingham Palace in February, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. There are also lots of prizes to be won.

Please follow the link to find out more details. Good luck!

The 500 Words Writing Competition!



500 Words is finally open for entries, it's time to get writing!

Submit your stories before 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

Dates for your Diary

You will have already seen the Term dates for the year, but if you would like to refer to them again, you can find them by following [this link](#).

Below are the key dates for your diary so you know what the children will be doing in Terms 1 and 2 (new events are in green):

- Wednesday 23rd October: Donations for Christmas 'Shoebox Appeal'
- Thursday 24th October: End of Term 1 for children
- Friday 25th October: INSET day for teachers. School closed for pupils.
- Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: Autumn Break – School closed
- Monday 4th November: Start of Term 2 for all
- Monday 11th November: Anti-Bullying Week
- Wednesday 13th November: Flu Immunisations
- Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November: Parent Consultations
- Friday 15th November: Children in Need
- Monday 16th December: Carol Service at St Matthew's Church
- Tuesday 17th December (am): Reception Nativity for parents
- Tuesday 17th December (pm): Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Wednesday 18th December (am) Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20th December: End of Term 2