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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we launched our new, exciting community library. With reading at the forefront of everything we do, we are keen to promote a love of reading, both with children and parents. With so many children growing up without books at home, we feel passionately that we want to change this and enrich the lives of our pupils. The new reading initiative launched this week provides an opportunity for families in the school community to borrow books and grow a love of reading.

From next week, the community library is open every day after school in our dining hall. Adults and children can pop in and take a book that they would like to read. (Children's books on the right; adult books on the left.) When you have finished reading it, just return the book to the shelf. There are no deadlines and no fines, just an opportunity to get reading!

The development of the community library was a joint project led by Mrs Watson, Speenhamland's Reading Lead, together with the support of FOSS and donations from the newly opened Salvation Army donation centre. The children who attend an extra-curricular book club, librarians and school councillors launched the exciting community library to the school in a special assembly on Thursday – they even shared some book recommendations!

The aim is to extend the library in the future so it includes a baby and pre-school section, which will continue to benefit our families. If you have any quality children's books you would like to donate, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Have a restful weekend

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



Children in Need

The wonderful sum of £200 as raised yesterday for Children in Need.



Many thanks for your support.



Anti-Bullying Week

It was great to see so many children wearing odd socks to school on Monday, for the launch of Anti-Bullying Week.

The children came together for an assembly where this year's focus was 'Reach Out.'

We began by understanding what bullying is: *'Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.'*

We then discussed how and who we could 'Reach Out' to: friends, teachers, school staff, parents, carers and themselves demonstrating how by reaching out we can all make bullying stop.

Our PM Pals were then introduced to the school: 15 Year 6 children, who have completed an intensive training programme, to help children mediate their worries, concerns or problems. They are on duty in the playground every lunch time.



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| 01-12-22 at 1.45 pm | Nativity dress rehearsal to whole school |
| 02-12-22 at 9.30 am | Nativity performance to parents and care home residents |
| 06-12-22 at 6pm | Nativity performance to parents |
| 07-12-22 | Christmas Dinner |
| 08-12-22 | Laal Charity Day |
| 09-12-22 at 2.30 pm | EYFS Nativity performance to parents |

More details to follow for all events.

Christmas Fayre Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets went out yesterday. If you require more tickets, please pop to the office.

Achievement and PSHE Awards

Wisteria
Cherry
Oak
Ash
Hawthorn
Juniper
Maple
Acer
Redwood
Cedar

SCHOOL

Theo Kent
Toby Goddard
Morgan Waterhouse
Oscar Terry-Stanswood
Molly Chaplin
Charlotte Flitton
Jude Waters
Alec Down-Giddens
Charlie Vang
Jacky Elliott

PSHE

Sem Ninson
Darcy Mulkerrin
Riley Orme
Aarav Shukla
Emilia Stosak
Myka Carlyon
Adyan Hussain
Lilly Prins
Reis Ballhysa
Oscar Smith



The Winner is!

HOUSE WINNER FOR THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 217
2nd Laal 184
3rd Verde 163
4th Zolty 152

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 92.38%
Last week's attendance was 93.60%

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



DRAGON CLUB

Booking forms are available for our
Christmas holiday period.
Forms to be returned by
Tuesday 22nd November.



Please
do not
smoke or vape
outside
our school

We have received parental complaints regarding
smoking both on the pavement in front of school
and also on the pavement opposite the school.
Please refrain from smoking or vaping
outside our school.

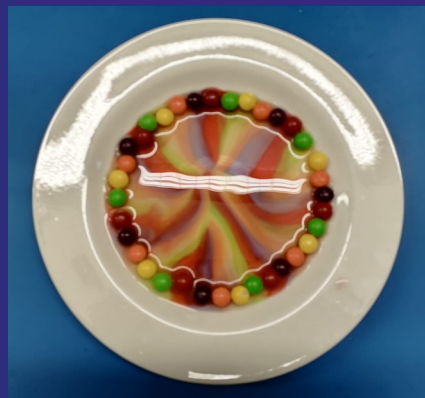
Thank you.

CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

This week, the children in Wisteria class have enjoyed exploring the composition of the number 4, making their own "stampolines" using blocks just like the numberblocks did!



In Upper Juniors this week, the children have been learning about the perilous adventure of Scott of the Antarctic and his journey to the South Pole. The children dressed up and recreated the final experiences of Scott's team, discussing the feelings and emotions of the expedition members in their final days. It was such fun!



Infant Science club explored what reactions are and completed an experiment with skittles.

Infant children enjoyed their maths lesson using the dienes to do adding and subtracting.

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FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



Forest School

This week at Forest School, we have continued developing our sawing skills with a bow saw as well as building a natural shelter where only natural materials could be used.



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