



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Please fasten your seatbelt and enjoy the ride...

The children have enjoyed jet setting to various different countries this week as part of our multicultural week. Every afternoon each class has visited another teacher to take part in a number of creative activities linked to various different countries. The children have also learnt about the different countries and their culture. Here are some of the activities:



Flying to Brazil and finding out lots of interesting facts about the Amazon rainforest and the 'Carnival' in Rio de Janeiro. The children got into the carnival spirit by making their own outrageous masks, with lots of sparkles and feathers, whilst listening to some Samba music

Learning about the Mexican festival, Day of the Dead, and creating their own masks. The children also had the opportunity to try some guacamole and Mexican salsa with tortilla chips.

Visiting Kenya and looking at the life of the Masai people. We made our own Masai mud hut models.

Looking briefly at facts about ancient Egypt and then danced 'Walk like an Egyptian' and making Egyptian collars and Mummies.

Flying to Alaska, USA and finding out how people survive living in icy conditions 'off grid' in Alaska. It was fascinating to find out how the native cultures used to travel around on sledges to go off to hunt and that they built igloos to sleep in while they were away from home, and that there are still natives practising this today, keeping their culture alive.



Flying to China and learning basic facts about China and watching a dragon dance. During the week we have made lanterns and dragons, used chopsticks for noodles, practiced writing Chinese numbers to 10 and made a dragon head.



These are just a few of the many exciting and engaging learning opportunities the teachers planned and organised for the children and as you can imagine, they were very popular. It was lovely to hear the children talk about their adventures throughout the week.



On Thursday lots of children enjoyed the 'Build-A-Burger' themed lunch. It was as busy as ever and the kitchen staff managed to get all of the children through in the allotted time. These lunchtimes are always very busy but I enjoy seeing the community coming together for a special lunch.

Have a lovely weekend!

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher



This week the **Attendance Trophies** have been awarded to

KS1

Class 2

Mrs Seamark

98.33%

KS2

Class 11

Mrs Matthews

98.71%

Congratulations to all classes!

Whole School Attendance

95.23%



Silver Headteacher Award

Today I presented a Silver Headteacher Award to Aaron Osborne for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. He is now the proud owner of a pen to go with her pencil. Well done Charlie!



Bronze Headteacher Award

This week I presented 28 (YES 28!!!) Bronze Headteacher Awards to

Ethan Cheeseman, Emily Patel, Alfie Smith, Laicey Sutton, Skye Wade-Reynolds, Chloe Button, Bethanie Green, Joshua Hersey, Max Spinner, Charlotte Cray, Emily Bashford, Jadon Emina, Jessica Finch, Jessica Steggle, Jude Jones, Keira Cummings, Leah Young, Noah Bracken, Ollie Browning, Phoebe Sawyer, Reggie Royce Hartley, Sophia Page, Ted Westwood, Daniel O'Neill, Rex Cooper, Finn Card and Daniel Thompson. They collected their sticker and pencil in assembly. Congratulations to all of them!

Apologies to Dylan Crawley as I spelt his name wrong in last week's newsletter!



Children coming into school Late

This week the amount of learning time lost by 7 children combined was 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Children can enter school from 8.30am and there are some learning activities for them to carry out the moment they enter class. Registration closes at 8.55am and the first lesson starts at 8.55am. If children are late they potentially miss the start of the learning process and over time this can mount up.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

'Stranger Danger in the 21st Century' Workshop for parent/carers – Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm

We have been fortunate to secure another date for an online safety workshop for parents and carers. This is the third time that this event will run and I know that everyone that has attended previously has found it extremely informative and useful. We will run a 'movie night' for those parents/carers who need support with childcare. Please put the date in your diary and do your best to attend.

More information to follow...



Grandparents Celebration

Letters have been sent home for Grandparent's Celebration which is taking place on the afternoons of Monday 29th January and Tuesday 30th January. Please invite all grandparents and make sure all reply slips are returned to the office ASAP.



Lunches

Can we please remind you that we are a nut free school as we have some pupils in the school with severe nut allergies. If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure that you do not give any nut based products to them. i.e Nutella, Peanut Butter etc.



Road Safety

There have been reports from some of the parents that cars are driving up the hill, on the wrong side of the road, in the mornings. This is very dangerous as the children are not expecting cars from this direction on that side of the road. Please be considerate as the safety of our children is our main priority.



Office Hours

Please note that our reception hours are 8.30 am – 4pm. The office staff will be happy to help you during these hours.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



January	
Thursday 25 th	Year 5 Sex & Relationships Education Talk To Parents (6.30pm)
Monday 29 th	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)
Tuesday 30 th	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)
February	
Friday 2 nd	Year 5 IOW Payment of £50 due (April 2018 Trip)
	Year 6 PGL Payment of £50 due (July 2018 Trip)
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th	Safety Week
Tuesday 6 th	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 7 th	'Stranger Danger in the 21 st Century' Workshop for parent/carers (7pm)
Thursday 8 th	SEND Coffee Morning (9am)
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Holiday
Monday 19 th	Return to school
Monday 26 th – Friday 2 nd March	Reading & Writing Week