

**STOP PRESS...****SAVE THE DATE!!!****Wednesday 8th February - 'Stranger Danger in the 21st Century' Workshop for parent/carers (7pm)****Please do your best to attend!!!**

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Around the world in a week!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed multicultural week and it has been lovely to see the children travel to different countries throughout the week. There have been opportunities for the children to visit different classes and learn about a different country and culture. In addition the children have taken part in a range of activities. I have seen children exploring the Grand Canyon, making totem poles, tasting food from all over the world, playing the African drums and painting and drawing in a number of styles. It has been lovely to see the children move around the school and enjoy lots of new creative experiences. I hope they have been coming home and telling you all about it.



Last week I met with the school council to discuss what activities the children enjoy doing in school and which ones they would like to see introduced. It was very clear that the children enjoyed everything on offer at school and were pleased that, in comparison to other schools, we do so much! Favourite activities included the bedtime stories, dressing up days and the discos! There were a lot of suggestions for other ideas including bringing your pet to school – I think this would be very interesting! I have taken on board the number of ideas put forward and will add these to next year's plan.

As a reminder – the 'Stranger Danger in the 21st Century' workshop takes place on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm. We encourage all parents to attend as this is a truly excellent session that provides vital information around keeping your child safe online.

Have a lovely weekend.

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

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

KS1	Class 1	Mrs Scott	99.0%
KS2	Class 7	Mr Simmonds	98.3%

Congratulations to all classes!

Whole School Attendance	96.8%
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Bronze Headteacher Award

This week 5 Bronze Headteacher Awards were presented in assembly. Congratulations to Emre Baram, Claudia Lopez, Grace Gjoni, Luke Rollinson and Lucy Hubbard. They are now the proud owners of a new ruler. Congratulations!



Silver Headteacher Award

Congratulations to Oliver Bull and Frankie Formoy as they were presented with a Silver Headteacher Award for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. They are now the proud owners of a pen to go with their ruler. Well done Oliver and Frankie!



Tennis Success

I am delighted to share with you that Alex Winder (Year 4) has been selected to represent Essex in Tennis in February in Northampton. We are all very proud of Alex and wish him all the best in the up and coming competition. Good luck!



Lottery Grant

I am pleased to inform you that, following an application to the National Lottery 'Awards For All Grant', we have been successful in gaining some funding in order to re-develop the Learning Support Zone (old Junior office area) so that it is more user friendly for the children in school. There are also plans to create another sensory space for the children to use. This work will take place during half term and should be finished upon our return.



Drop Off

A number of parents have expressed their concern regarding parents allowing their children to get out of the car before entering the designated area. Some children cross the road and are at risk of being hit as parents drive off once they are ready to leave. Please can I remind all parents to ensure that children only exit the car when it is parked in the designated area. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Bikeability Training – Year 4 – 16th January.
Topic News – Early Years – sent by ParentMail – 16th January.
Grandparents Celebration – All Years – 16th January.
Topic News – Years 1 to 6 – 17th January.
One Man's Junk (Spring clean) – All Years – 17th January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



January

Monday 30 th	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)
Tuesday 31 st	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)

February

Friday 3 rd	Year 5 IOW Payment of £50 due (April 2017 Trip)
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th	E-Safety Week
Tuesday 7 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th	'Stranger Danger in the 21 st Century' Workshop for parent/carers (7pm)
Thursday 9 th	SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	Holiday
Monday 20 th	Return to School
Monday 27 th – Friday 3 rd March	Book Week

Big Question

'How can I become a more independent learner?'

