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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well and truly back in the swing of our learning and usual school routines. This week has been exciting in school as it brought our extra-curricular clubs back following the summer holidays. It's been a joy to see not only the children enjoying these clubs – but also our team of wonderful staff! From next week, the children will be working collaboratively on our annual 'art focus days'; this year, Mrs Kimbley has chosen the theme of diversity, with a focus on developing progression through school in the media of paint. We can't wait to share our finished product with everybody!

Jeans for Genes Day

Today the children adorned their best jeans to raise awareness for the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition. Jeans for Genes day is a campaign which aims to raise money to fund projects that will make significant differences to the lives of those affected. Thank you to everyone who wore jeans and brought in a donation towards this worthy cause today. It's so important that the children in school have the opportunities to take part in these events to understand the difficulties others can face on a day to day basis.

Phonics and Reading Meeting

On Tuesday, 27th September at 3.30pm, we will be holding a Phonics and Reading meeting in school for parents and carers in our school hall. This meeting is aimed at parents/carers whose children are in the Early Years (Nursery or Reception) and Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2). The aim of the meeting will be to explore the teaching methodology, resources and processes used in school to support all of our young people to learn to read. For parents and carers, this is a great opportunity to see how your commitment to reading at home makes such a significant difference to the success of your children in school. This also forms a wonderful chance for staff in school to be able to offer guidance and support to parents/carers in how best to promote a love for reading at home. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reception & Reception / Year 1 PE Day

Due to a slight change in the timetable for PE, children in Mrs Kimbley or Miss Ayling's class will be required to wear their PE kit on **Thursdays** as of next week. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September. **There will be no celebration assembly for KS1 or Early Years next Friday.** Parents & Carers are welcome to come and share a warm drink and a bun or slice of cake for a donation to Macmillan. Our coffee morning will take place at 9am in the school hall and children will be able to purchase a bun to enjoy with their classes later that morning. Donations can arrive in school with the children from Thursday morning and we please ask that all donations are **pre-packed with the ingredient labels attached** to ensure the safety of everyone.

Music Lessons

In school we offer fantastic musical opportunities for children to learn to play the drums, cello or guitar. These lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers who specialise in these instruments. We currently have spaces in all classes for these lessons, with a chargeable fee of £70.00 per term.

Pupil Leadership

This week in KS2 assembly, we announced some key individuals within our Pupil Leadership Team for this academic year. We wish to express huge thanks to all of the children who applied for a Prefect / Head / Deputy role and congratulate the children who have been successful this year. We will – as always – be recruiting for many other

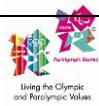


leadership positions in school in due course, including Sports Leaders, Reading Ambassadors and many, many more. Well done everyone!

Key Term Dates

Please see attached dates for your diary for this half term. PTA dates have been added in bold for your attention:

Date	Event	Class
23.09.22	Jeans for Genes Day Non-uniform day - a monetary contribution would be appreciated	All classes
27.09.22	Phonics and Reading meeting for parents/carers	Early Years Key Stage One
30.09.22	MacMillan coffee Morning	All classes Parents / carers welcome to attend
06/10/22 at the following times: 9.15am 3.30pm 5.00pm	Parent/Carer Safeguarding information meeting	All parents/carers welcome to attend
14.10.22	Year 1 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 1
17.10.22 (3.30pm – 5.00pm)	Parents' Consultation Evening A letter will be sent to all parents/carers to book an appointment closer to the time.	All classes
19.10.22	Year 2 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 2
20.10.22 (3.30pm – 6.00pm)	Parents' Consultation Evening A letter will be sent to all parents/carers to book an appointment closer to the time.	All classes
01.11.22	Early Years 'Bats, Cats and Rats' Halloween event - times will be confirmed.	Early Years
01.11.22	Halloween Discos – times will be confirmed.	KS1 and KS2
09.11.22	INSPIRE event UKS2 @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 5 Year 5/6 Year 6
15.11.22	Year 4 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 4
17.11.22	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parents
18.11.22	Reception and Reception/Year 1 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 1
25.11.22	Year 3 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 3
25.11.22	Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school	All classes
02.12.22	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles / sweets for the Christmas Fair.	All classes
05.12.22	Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Production	Year 3 & Year 4
06.12.22	Early Years Christmas Production	Nursery, Reception, Reception/Year 1
07.12.22	Key Stage One Christmas Production	Year 1 Year 2
08.12.22	Upper Key Stage Two Christmas Production	Year 5, Year 5/6 Year 6
08.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes (non-PTA Event)
12.12.22	Christmas Fair after school	All families





Pupil Achievements



Our attendance is 96.29% this week; well done everyone. Let's work hard to continue to achieve and even surpass our 97% attendance target!

	C compassion	O ownership	R resilience	E excellence
Year 3	Aziz B	Harrison EH	James W	Lexie C
Year 4	Evie Taylor W	Kenny H	Evan S	Sebastian R
Year 5	Billie L	Nieve R	Eva A	William J
Year 5/6	Abigail H	Joel H	Isaac L	Jack K
Year 6	Hughie C	George M	Milosz G	PJ S

We look forward to working in collaboration with you this year and hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Team Towngate



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

The children in Nursery have been thinking about Autumn this week. We really enjoyed going on an Autumn walk around the school grounds observing the colours of the trees and collecting acorns. The children were amazing at telling our school Governors all about our journey. In topic, the children have been bringing photos of their families, they then told their peers about who was in their family promoting lots of discussions. In maths this week, we have been practising our counting skills and making an amount, please keep practicing identifying numerals to 1-3 at home. Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

It has been another superb week for Reception as we have spent the week very busy learning about where we live. We read the story 'In Every House on Every Street' by Jess Hitchman. We loved talking about what we do with our loved ones at home and what our houses look like. In Maths, we have been focusing on sorting and matching objects in different ways and talking about how we can group different objects. The Autumn walk was fantastic as we went hunting around the school grounds for Autumn resources to make some gorgeous autumnal pictures. We have had such an amazing week and I am so proud of all the amazing learning we have done! Keep up the great work Reception!

Miss Ayling, Mrs Allen

Reception / Year 1

We have had another very busy week in school. Our class story this week is, In Every House, On Every Street, by Jess Hitchman. We have been thinking about different types of homes and what we like to do when we are at home with our families. Our Maths work has focused on developing our sorting skills and thinking about different ways we can group objects. We all had a wonderful time on our Autumn Walk on Thursday. We all enjoyed collecting lots of different leaves and acorns and talking about what we could hear and feel. Later we used the items we had collected in our art work. A super week everyone, we are very proud of you.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been changing the shade of colours. In Computing, we have been practising our computer skills by logging onto the laptops, developing our mouse and keyboard skills. In English, we have written a setting description based on the book 'Tadpole's Promise' and working hard to generate exciting vocabulary. We have been thinking carefully about capital letters and full stops. In Geography, we have been drawing and labelling maps of the school and local area. Well done everyone, you are working so hard!

Mrs Bateman

Year 2

Year 2 have had another excellent week! We started off with more Bike Ability lessons. Most of our children felt confident enough to use the pedal bikes, we were so proud of their resilience during these sessions. In Maths, we have been flexibly partitioning numbers to 100, writing numbers to 100 in expanded form and finding 10s on a number line. Our GPS focus this week has been writing questions. We have been thinking of questions we would like to ask the King's guards. We have finished our week writing a non-chronological report all about London. In Music, our Music teacher Miss Collins taught us a song that originates from Africa, we had so much fun learning it and can't wait to see her again next week. Well done Year 2, keep up the hard work!

Miss Senior

Year 3

We have had another fantastic week in Year 3! This week we have thoroughly enjoyed our Art lesson, during which we experimented with the consistency of paint and explored how to change this. In Maths this week, we have continued with our work on place value, looking at numbers up to 1,000 and working out 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a given number. In History, we have continued with our Prehistoric Britain topic and enjoyed researching animals that lived during the Ice Age. We have also enjoyed working collaboratively on our entry for the scarecrow festival and we are very proud of our creation! Well done on another fantastic week, Year 3!

Miss Riley



Year 4

What a busy week we've had in Year 4! In English, we have been writing our own setting description about Mount Everest using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers using our reasoning skills and we have been learning how to recognise numbers to 10,000. In History, we have been learning about how the Romans invaded Britain and in Science, we have been learning how particles are arranged in solids, liquids and gases. In Music, we enjoyed playing the African drums and increasing our knowledge of musical notes and in RE, we learned about good and bad karma. Well done this week Year 4.

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have had a lovely week! We have started adding and subtracting numbers with at least 5 digits. Everyone has conquered this superbly! In English, we have been analysing descriptive writing; we have planned our own piece so that we can write these up next week. In music, we have been learning 'Happy' by Pharell Williams - we are looking forward to incorporating some instruments into this. Well done for all of your dedication and hard work this week Year 5. You should be so proud of yourselves.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Year 5/6, we have begun looking at multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 in Year 5 and multiplying decimals by integers in Year 6. We have continued our art unit of learning by creating mood and atmosphere in our painting through our choice of colour. In science, we have looked at completing a life cycle assessment to determine the sustainability of different products. Our English work has focused on writing a setting description based on our book - Hitler's Canary.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

We have had another fabulous week in Year 6! We have been busy practising our addition, subtraction and multiplication calculations in maths. In English, we have shown off our writing skills by writing brilliant diary entries from the perspective of a young boy living through the Second World War. Reducing, Reusing and Recycling has been our topic of discussion in science, where we have discussed the importance of creating a sustainable society and how we can do this. In geography, we have continued to explore our population topic - we now know why population changes and factors that impact the birth and death rate in the UK. I am looking forward to another busy week next week.

Miss Richardson & Mrs Poole

