



Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together'

NEWSLETTER 2 – FRIDAY 13th JANUARY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A brilliant full first week in school where children have settled to their new curriculum learning. I am teaching once a week, generally on a Friday morning, and going to each class in turn so teachers can have some time as subject leaders out of class and so I can get to know the children even more and see what is happening in classrooms! Today I was in Sycamore, and we had a great morning writing some poetry, thinking about metaphors, description and rhyming followed by some marvellous multiplication involving problem solving and reasoning! There were some super mathematical brains in there today.

Yesterday we enjoyed a return visit from the Circus man – Jebb. For many the children were able to quickly pick up and develop some of the skills they learnt previously including plate spinning, stilt walking, juggling and walking the tightrope! This was a super wellbeing activity to participate in. Jebb praised the children for their great skill and said this was something he had seen a decline in other schools, but that our children's core and hand eye coordination skills were strong and fabulous to see. Our value this term is Compassion and on Monday we discussed what does compassion mean and thought about noticing a need. We will continue to explore this each week and this links well with our kindness and wellbeing work too. Every Wednesday we ask children to think about a random act of kindness – this link here will help you consider random acts at home <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-at-home#kindness-challenge>

I sent an Attendance letter to every family this week (please speak to class teachers if you have not received) which outlines the expectations in relation to attendance and punctuality. This is in line with the policy already set and the local and national expectations with DfE. If you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Today was my first VIP assembly – think I remembered to include everything! I would love to share out of school achievements too so please do encourage pupils to bring those in to share if there is anything - brownie promise, swimming, karate belt, dance show etc! Today ten year 5 and 6's took part in some play leader training led by David Hanson who is responsible for Sport and PE in West Northants - they had a great session this morning.

Thank you to those who have completed the Parent Questionnaire already, just as a reminder the link is here <https://forms.office.com/e/F8r3c8F9bw> and this will close on Tuesday!

Have a lovely weekend, take care

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary – WB –16th Jan

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Swimming for Y5/6
 Equilore Horse Therapy
 pm for 4 x children in
 Y3/4

FGB 7pm

Thursday

PTFA Meeting 7pm

Friday

9am VIP assembly
 PM Forest School for
 Chestnut class

School Facebook Page

We will be using the school Facebook page to share all the wonderful things happening in school a. It is important to recognise this is not a place for parents to generally chat about school but a place for us to celebrate what is happening. There are other channels within school to communicate to us your thoughts, feelings and questions e.g. email or pop in and speak to us.

Attachments:

Class letters and webs
 Club sheet.
 WUW – Warcraft
 Attendance letter
 (Thurs – paper copy)

Class	Headteacher Value Award	Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Award	Handwriting
Beech	Reuben D	Struan H Alba P	William R
Chestnut	Ollie S	Sophie H Barney W	Finley G
Sycamore	Jack J	Emma H Betsy T	Miriam H
Maple	Oscar J Bronwen K	Finn R Bradley H	Isla R Isaac M

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Sarah Smith
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Kaye Green
Governor Responsible for Safeguarding – Mrs Claire Barrett

Attendance Figure - for the whole school this academic year: **93.61%**
 Target 96%

Uniform Thank you for everyone returning to school this term looking so smart in their uniform. Just a reminder about footwear being adhered too as well as the policy on jewellery and nail varnish. A simple watch and a pair of stud earrings are the only items allowed. Please can watches with other features not be brought into school. Thank you.

In the **absence of Mrs Smith** being in school please speak with Mrs Green Business Manager or Mrs Connor as Senior teacher.