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Healthy School

Friday 17th March 2017

Hello everyone,

As you will have noticed, work started on the new roof this week. I thank you for your patience while this is carried out and remind everyone to be extra vigilant when coming in and out of the playground and car park areas. A reminder also that we are not using the Grace Road entrance gates while the work is carried out. Entry via the Egerton Street gate only to enter the playground.



As you know, Mrs Marsh is retiring at the end of the term. We will be saying an official goodbye to her on **Monday 20th March at 11am** and parents are most welcome to attend our assembly or to send any gifts or cards in with their children so they can present them to her then.

You may have heard and read about proposed changes to School budgets which will result in a reduction in funding, and some additional information is attached to this newsletter. One of the first things we will have to adjust from next year will be our residential trips. To keep costs down our children will only attend in Year 2, 4 and 6. The Governors are working to make sure they communicate their views to relevant agencies, but I thought you would want to know so that you can find out more and get involved in a way that suits you.

As you know, one of the key aspects of the education for your child is to ensure that they develop the characteristics of a good learner. Each class has a good learner display which features the characteristics and serves as a prompt for all children and staff on a daily basis. Our work in this area helps us to promote a growth mindset which enables children to believe in themselves, demonstrate resilience and keep going and to value their own opinions. There was a good article in Headteacher Magazine this week, by Ross McWilliam, and I wanted to draw your attention to the top tips in it for talking to your child after school. He provides us with 5 good questions that adults can ask to encourage growth mindset themselves:

1. What did you learn today that surprised you?
2. Did you make any good mistakes today?
3. How did you learn from them?
4. What did you do today that made your brain grow?
5. How did you help someone else stretch their brain power?

If you are interested in this aspect of our work and want to find out more about how it works for your child please do contact me.

Rainbow Flag Award – Our preliminary work towards this award has just begun and staff and Year 4 pupils have been busy completing surveys this week to find out how we are doing with tackling issues such as homophobic bullying. We will have a team of three trained staff and governors by the end of this academic year and then will be using our training to ensure best practice across the curriculum and throughout the school to continue to build on our strengths as an inclusive school. You can find out more about the Rainbow Flat Award here: <https://www.theproudsttrust.org/training-and-education/projects-for-schools/rainbow-flag-award/>



Mrs Seaward, Mrs Farrall and Miss Davies from Year 4/5 would like to share that they are really impressed with the increased amount of children reading daily at home. Thank you to the parents supporting their child in their learning and taking time out to listen to their child read.

Notes for your diary:

Raffle tickets are now available for our mega Easter Egg Basket. £1 per ticket from Mrs Spain or available at the gate in the mornings.



On **Monday 27th March** the Action Transport Theatre will be visiting to run a Theatre Workshop for Year 1 and 2 based on Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf. This will be a wonderful experience for the children. More details to follow next week.

We will be holding a Family Lunch on **Tuesday 28th March**. The menu for that day will be Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding or jacket potato. If you would like to attend, please book your place with Mrs Rennie by **Friday 24th March**.



**Friday
24 March**

Comedy Classroom day - Friday 24th March – A reminder that Children (and staff) can pay £1 to dress in red own-clothes. We will be selling cakes at 50p each. Any nut free shop-bought donations would be much appreciated.

Coffee Morning – Friday 21st April – We will be holding a fundraising coffee morning on the 21st April at 9.15 am to 10.30 am, in support of the Eve Appeal. The Eve Appeal is the only UK national charity raising awareness and funding research in the five gynaecological cancers – ovarian, womb, cervical, vaginal and vulval. We would very much appreciate your support and any donations of cake or biscuits would be much appreciated, so long as they are shop-bought and nut-free.

Year 3/4 – trip to Beeston 29th to 31st March – if you still have payments to make for this trip, please can they be paid before the end of the month. You should all now have the necessary forms.

Year 2 – trip to Tattenhall 6th to 7th June - £30 to be paid before the end of May please.

Year 5/6 – trip to Conway 19th to 23rd June - £70 to be paid before the end of May please.

Ellesmere Port Women's Group have asked us to share their contact details with you, for anyone interested in attending you can meet other women in your community for friendship and support. The group is free and open to all women. Contact Eileen at Eileen@epnavco.org.uk or telephone 0151 370 2960 Every week between 10.00-11.00am at The Community Hub, 108-112 Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0AB.

We are also sharing some information with you from the Navigator Project, which holds a Coffee/tea morning every Wednesday at 10.30 am to 12.00 pm, for anyone for whom English is not their first language. See attached leaflet for details.

All our After School Clubs have now started back as follows:

- **Science Club for Reception and Year 1** (Mondays)
- **Cookery Club** - (now on Mondays) this club is a book on only – please speak to the Office for more details
- **Study Support Club for Year 6** (Mondays)
- **Homework Club** (Wednesdays)
- **Study Support Club for Years 2 & 6** (Wednesdays)
- **Enrichment Club** (Thursdays)

If you are doing a shop this weekend, Breakfast Club would appreciate donations of Weetabix.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Finch

Sue Finch (Head Teacher)

Lunch Menu 1 w/c 17th March 2017. (Menus can be viewed on the school website).