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Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 31st January 2014

Leaving Service for Rev. Brenda: On Sunday 26th January, there was a touching leaving service for Rev. Brenda at Woodhouse Close Church, which was packed to the rafters. Despite the fact we'd had little time to practice, our choir performed beautifully and lots of the congregation commented on the great job the children had done. Thanks to those parents who gave up their time on a Sunday to ensure the children were able to participate: it was very much appreciated and made Rev. Brenda's day.

Phonics & Read Write Inc. Meeting: thanks to parents from Year 1 and 2 who attended the phonics and RWI meeting held by Mrs Hindmarch and staff this week. A RWI lesson was demonstrated by the children and I received many positive comments from parents as to how useful the meeting had been. We hope to deliver similar meetings throughout the school later this year, as several parents have requested this, particularly for things like teaching new methods in maths. I will keep you posted.

Library Club: Mrs Makinson has been working hard with some Y6 children to reorganise and catalogue the library, using a new electronic system. We would love more parents and pupils to come along to Library Club from 3pm on Monday and Wednesdays: parents and carers are encouraged to help their children choose a library book and you are welcome to have a coffee and relax whilst sharing a book! Although we have advertised Library Club for Classes 1 & 2 on Mondays and classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Wednesdays, you are welcome to come to either evening, especially if you have children in both Key Stages in school. We are also developing a parent section, where you are welcome to borrow a book for yourself.

Punctuality: Can I remind parents and carers that **children start school at 8.55 am and will be marked as late if arriving at school after 9.00am.** I have inserted the relevant section from our Attendance Policy for your information:

"School starts at 8.55am, with registration from 8.55am-9.00am.

It is our policy to record a late mark for children who arrive at school after class registration has taken place. 9.00am-9.05am: marked as late.

Arrival at school from 9.05am onwards is marked as unauthorised absence.

*It is school policy that registers are completed by **9:05 a.m.** in the morning and **1:05 p.m.** in the afternoon."*

Please ensure your child is at school on time as poor punctuality can trigger Educational Welfare Officer intervention. Thank you.

Collection & Dropping Off: thank you to everyone who has made a concerted effort to park considerately near school, especially when collecting at home time. I have asked the police to monitor the situation. **Please ensure that residents of the streets nearest the school do not have their driveways or access blocked. Thank you.**



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'Stars of the Week' this week are:

- Year 1 - DaisyMay Nixon for excellent writing this week!
- Year 2 – Daniel Grady for creating a fabulous Jolly Roger flag this week.
- Year 3 – Faith Brookes for super symmetry work in maths
- Year 4 – Megan Sample for creating a superb rocket and being very helpful this week
- Year 5 – Elisha Marie Metcalfe for great improvements in writing this week
- Year 6 – Rio Dunn for excellent independent work and positive, mature attitude.

Attendance for last week is: Well done to Class 3 for having the best attendance!

Reception: 82%

Class 1: 92.4%

Class 2: 95 %

Class 3: 97.3%

Class 4: 96%

Class 5: 95%

Class 6: 95%

Dates for your Diary:

End of Half Term Disco: Classes 1 & 2 : Classes 3,4,5 & 6	1-2pm 2-2.55pm	Friday 14 th February
Break up for Half Term		Friday 14 th February
Return to school		Monday 24 th February

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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