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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2017
Newsletter No: 29

Attendance w/beg: 24.04.17
Whole School: 98.40%
Class of the week: Class 5 99.00 %

This week Class 6 achieved 100% attendance

VIP Diners

Invitations for VIP Diners next week will be sent home tomorrow.

Handwriting Awards

Children are continuing to work to achieve their handwriting awards.

Letters home

Outdoor Learning Classes 4 & 5

Week Beginning

School Dinners

Week 1



Craze of the Week

Top Trumps

Forest School

Group B



Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note all dates are on our website

May

10th New Intake Meeting

25th Shipmates Cake Sale

29th – 2nd June – Half Term

June

5th Inset Day, no children to attend.

28th Sports Day

30th Shipmates Family Disco

July

5th Open Evening 5-7pm

7th Wickford School Transition Day

International Learning

As many of you will remember, Mrs Mackenzie travelled to Finland in October half-term 2015 to make a research visit to schools in the Turku district. Mrs Mackenzie is delighted that her lead headteacher Hanna Laakio will be visiting Wickford during the week of 15th May. Mrs Laakio is a school leader at Puolala School in Turku. If you meet her you might like to greet her with "hyvää huomenta" (pronounced a bit like Hoover who or menta).

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the questionnaires. If you haven't already done so, please can you complete and return the form to the front office and post in the box by Monday 8th May. Attached to the questionnaire are two raffle tickets. Please tear off and keep one ticket, the other ticket will be entered into a prize draw to win a family ticket to the cinema. The winning ticket will be drawn on 8th May.

Year 2

We are currently working with the Junior School and making arrangements for transition to Year 3. Each year Mrs Waite asks for our support in arranging the classes. We give parents the opportunity to name 4 or 5 friends that they would like their child to be with in September. Please would you email Mrs Mackenzie with these requests putting Year 3 in the subject line.

Midday Assistant

We are currently looking for a Midday Assistant working Monday to Friday. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact Vikki Adkins in the office and collect an application form.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Active Kids vouchers can no longer be collected from Sainsbury's, but they can still be donated to school until 30th June. Every voucher counts towards brand new cooking and sports equipment.



Parking

Unfortunately we have been made aware that the parking difficulties in the roads surrounding the school have become even more of a problem. Some of our parents are continuing to park on double yellow lines, across peoples drive and on road junctions. Some large vehicles are also being parked on the pavements blocking access for pedestrians. This inconsiderate behaviour is making it difficult for our children to cross roads safely. It can be impossible for people with buggies or two children who need to be held by the hand to walk to school along the pavements without walking into the road. We appeal to all parents, grandparents and other child carers to park in a thoughtful and safe way so that the well-being of all our children is maintained. If someone other than you normally drives to school to drop off or pick up your child please would you pass on this very urgent message.

Please note that all of these vehicles are parked and the owners are not in them.

Scooters and bikes

Can we please remind families that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden within the school grounds. Unfortunately several of our children have been riding through the car park and have been asked by the Junior School Caretaker to stop. We were very disappointed to hear that some of our children were ignoring the instructions given by a member of the Junior School staff.

Fidget Spinners

Please note that from next Monday Fidget Spinners will not be allowed in school. Mrs Mackenzie had not intended to prevent children from using these but unfortunately several children have not been able to use them appropriately so she has had to change her mind. Any Fidget Spinners found in school will be kept in the school and can be collected on a Friday afternoon. Many thanks for your support with this.

New Intake Meeting, 10th May, 7-8:30pmA meeting

Meetings for parents for our new intake children will take place on Wednesday 10th May. Just a reminder to our current parents that will have another child starting in September that it is very important for them to attend as new additional information may be given.

Yale Keys

Shipmates are looking for any Yale keys. If you have any old keys that you no longer need please bring them to the school office.