

Thought of the Week: "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop

celebrating success

Attendance

Oak and Sycamore both had the highest attendance prior to the half term holiday with 98% and whole school was 94%. This is a lot lower than in previous weeks. Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend.

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work prior to the half term holiday: Alix Harnett, Levi Graham, Jamie Mason, Harlee Jobson, Leon Mudd, Chennai Burns and Chloe Watson. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Mathletics KS2

Sycamore had the highest score last week with 6,108 points. Eva Halliday had the highest individual score with 4,092 points. Well done everyone!

important information

Portal Project – Station Studios Showcase

Can I thank everyone who was able to attend our Showcase afternoon on the last Friday of half term? The children really enjoyed sharing their work with you both in the Hall and via our exhibition in the Hub. Some of the children's written work will now go towards displays in the classrooms and around the school. In addition, the videos and TV programmes created by the children will be placed on our website as soon as possible for your perusal. The afternoon was really well attended but was, as you can probably imagine, quite a logistical operation for the staff here and my thanks go to all of them who worked so hard to make this such a very special afternoon with everything running so smoothly. May I also thank you all for your support during the afternoon and the many kind words of praise and encouragement that I received. The children were all absolute stars!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings for the spring term will be held on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March. A letter with more details will accompany today's Station Voice and the sign-up sheets will be available from tomorrow. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you and you will also have the chance to look through some of their books too. Please bear in mind that, due to the number of parents each teacher needs to see, we can only allocate a 10 minute slot per discussion at these Parents' Evenings. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or wellbeing in greater depth we are always happy to make a separate appointment to accommodate this. Just let us know.

Parent View – Tell Us What You Think

Have you given your views about our school on Parent View yet? Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. The process is very simple. All you need to do is to access the website at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and register. There will be 12 questions to answer, for example, 'My child is happy at this school' with a choice of responses:

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Use the 'Next' button to move to the next question. If you change your mind you can use the 'Previous' button to go back.

Once you have completed all 12 questions, click on 'Finish the survey' and the questionnaire is complete.

I am going to make some PCs and laptops available in a central area in school on the night of our two Parents' Evenings with a member of staff present to help and support if required. You are more than welcome to use this facility to take part in the survey then, either before or after your appointment with the class teacher. It really doesn't take very long and I would be very grateful to receive your responses. Thank you.

Mathletics – Please note that we will also make some PCs and laptops available for demonstrations of Mathletics during this session so that you can see for yourself how this free to parents, web-based mathematics programme can support the learning of your child at home as well as at school.

Football and Other Ball Games on the Yard Before School

This is just a reminder that football and other ball games are not permitted on the yard either before the start of the school day or when school has finished at 3:00pm. Because our yard is very open and is a place where all our children and adults gather before and after school, I'm afraid it is too dangerous to play football or other such games as we run the risk of a child or an adult being hurt as a result of a ball hitting them at speed. We have already had a couple of close calls! The children are all aware of this and have been reminded again during our assembly on Wednesday morning. The children are able to play football at selected break times during the school day but only when it is being supervised by an adult. I hope that all the children will respect this rule and understand the reason why it is in place.

NSPCC Grand Total

The representative from the NSPCC came in to school on the last Friday of half term to count up the sponsorship money raised as a result of the children's hard work over the previous few weeks. The amount raised was a staggering and record breaking £1605.71. How fantastic and well done everybody! The children were informed of this in our whole-school assembly but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of this extremely important charity. I will place the letter of thanks and acknowledgement certificate in the school noticeboard for you to see. We are waiting for a few sponsorship forms and monies to come in and the NSPCC are going to try to come in next Friday to add up these additional amounts so we are expecting the total to be even higher. If you could get those forms back into us as soon as possible it would really be appreciated. Thank you so much for your extremely generous support of this initiative. The money will be used to make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable children across the United Kingdom.

Show Racism the Red Card

On Monday 22nd February, our Year 5 and 6 children took part in "Show Racism The Red Card" training. Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism educational charity established in 1996. They work in schools throughout England delivering anti-racism workshops to more than 20,000 young people every year. Their team of educators and ex-professional football players play a vital role in educating young people against racism.

Workshop Aims

- To educate young people about the causes and consequences of racism and to explore the various forms racism can take.
- To empower young people to challenge racism in the communities in which they live, providing them with relevant knowledge and information to enable them to do this.
- To help young people prepare to play an active role as citizens in an increasingly multi-cultural society.
- To enable young people to develop good relationships and respect the differences between people, regardless of their ethnicity, faith, culture or nationality.

All the children took a great deal from the sessions which were interactive and very informative. Year 4 children will also be given the chance to access this initiative in the coming weeks and I very much hope that they engage with the training in the same way.

World Book Day

It's that time of year once again, when we celebrate the joys of reading. To mark World Book Day this year, we are having a Storybook Character Day next Thursday 3rd March where your child can come to school dressed as their favourite story character. Every child will receive a £1 book voucher. No non-uniform donations required.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget to bring in your Sainsbury's vouchers. Please place them in the box situated in the main entrance.