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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Behaviour for Learning: Concentration
Value Word: Equality (equity)

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 93%

Puffins – 96%

Toucans – 92%

Bluebirds - 94%

Robins – 93%

Kestrels – 91%

Eagles – 100%

Well done to Bluebirds who won a roll on Classopoly!

Star Assembly

This week we held our very special Star Assembly where we really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Frankie and Hugo

Y5 – Elianna and Scarlett

Y4 – Tyler W and Aisha

Y3 – Maya

Y2 – Charlie and Jaxon

Y1 – Kyrie and Esther

Reception – Timi and Xavier

This week's Star of the School was Thomas S Y6!

Lates

As you know, if your child arrives after 9:00am they are late and you will need to sign them in via our Inventry screen in the front office. I do understand this is frustrating if you have just missed the announcement that doors are closed but school is open from 8:50 and children can arrive any time between 8:50 and 9:00am. School registers are legal documents meaning we have a legal responsibility to ensure they are correct. Now that teachers are taking their registers at exactly 9:00 when the announcement in school tells them to, any child who is still on their way in has the potential to be missed. This is why it is important you come in with your child and sign them in.

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Pro Strike

We have already raised £296 with our pro strike fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has already started to ask their sponsors to pay their money in our school portal. I can see over 12 families have already done this. This is amazing! The sponsorship forms will be live until the event on the 15th May. Money can be paid after that time but it won't count towards your child's total so if they are being sponsored with the prizes in mind, it does need to be paid in before the event happens.

Family Fun Bingo

Thank you for coming to support our family bingo which **will** go ahead tonight! If you want to buy last-minute tickets there are a few still available so you can do this with Pauline in the front office with cash or card. Please remember to bring your tickets with you. You will need to come into school via the front office - after the classroom doors close at 3:35. There will then be 10 minutes for you to settle, get yourself a drink and prepare for the first game of bingo which we will aim to start at around 3:45. Eyes down – pens ready!

Clubs

All extra-curricular clubs will start fully next week. If you have been allocated a place for your child in a club, you must pay the £20 for all the sessions before the club starts next week. If you do not make this payment then your child's place will be removed unless you have already had a conversation with me about payment. As always, please remember no child will ever be excluded from an after-school club on the grounds of money. You are more than welcome to discuss your situation with myself or Miss Hackett and we will support as we can.

After School Club Policy

Miss Potter and Miss Jones are re-issuing the policy for the use of Breakfast Club and After School Club to families that use it regularly. They have noticed an increase in parents cancelling at the last minute and asking for a refund. Please remember it is not in our policy to give refunds if you cancel within 24 hours. There are occasions where this can be facilitated but this is not something that should happen on a regular basis. When you have made a booking, you can cancel yourself if you don't need the space up to 24 hours before. After 24 hours, the place isn't able to be booked by other parents, meaning school loses money and another family have missed out on the place. It is also important that you are prompt collecting your child – particularly if they are booked in until 5:30. Staff are only paid until 5:30 and this is then their own time. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Read and Relax

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We are pleased to invite your child to our next special Read and Relax event on Friday 1st May 3:30 – 4:30 for a cost of £3 per child. If your child hasn't attended one of these before here are the details:

- They are welcome to bring a bag with their pyjamas in to get changed into at the end of the day. They should not bring in any other items (soft toys etc).
- Teachers will all read aloud to different groups of children then we will meet in the hall for squash and a treat.
- They will then have the choice of a book related activity; reading with a friend/sibling, independent reading in the library, reading based activities e.g. wordsearches and puzzles, making bookmarks and reading with a teacher.

Children in Year 6 who already have a written agreement to walk home will be allowed to do so. Any children without this already in place must bring a letter of permission.

If anyone other than the primary carer collects the children, you must inform the school office by 2:30 on Friday. All children should be collected from their normal classroom door.

All money raised from this event will go towards buying new books for the children to enjoy in class and in the school library. The money for attending this event should be sent into school by Thursday 30th April and given to their class teacher. We will be unable to accept money after this point as will need to have numbers for drinks and treats.

Digital Ambassador Survey

Our Digital Ambassadors have created a short survey for parents and carers. The survey aims to gather information about how technology is used at home, including awareness and use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools.

The responses will help our Digital Ambassadors decide on their next steps in supporting and promoting online safety across our school community. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking on the link below:

👉 <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/eh1qdK5hVU>

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our children safe online.

Reminders

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- As we reach the summer months, just a reminder our summer uniform details can be found on the school website. Children can wear white, black or grey socks, summer dresses in white/blue or grey shorts. Please remember children should be wearing black school shoes no stud earrings only.
- Please remember to book your child's lunches for the summer term.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Friday 1 st May	Read and Relax	Details above
Thursday 7 th May	School closed for polling station	
Friday 8 th May	Pizza sale	Pre-orders only
Tuesday 12 th May	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo	Letter sent
Friday 15 th May	Pro Strike Football Fundraiser	Letter sent
Friday 22 nd May	Cake sale Break up	Details to follow
Monday 1 st June	Return to school	
Friday 5 th June	Summer Disco Year 3 swimming starts	Details to follow Details to follow - Fridays
Tuesday 9 th June	Reception and Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens	Details to follow
Friday 12 th June	Photos in a frame	Details to follow
15 th – 17 th June	Y6 residential	Letter sent – details to follow
Friday 19 th June	Reception Class Assembly	Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th June	Father's Day Sale	Details to follow
Friday 19 th June and Friday 26 th June	Ice lolly and Ice cream Sale	Details to follow
Tuesday 30 th June	Reception height and weight checks	Details to follow
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Day	Details to follow
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fayre Y1 Class Assembly	Details to follow Details to follow
Friday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	Details to follow

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	<i>Break up for summer</i>	
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