



Values Learning

In assembly last week we talked about the racism at the recent England v Bulgaria football match and what you can do if someone says something mean about your appearance, including your skin colour or hair. We discussed whether it is ever OK to walk off the pitch, and other ways to challenge racism.

Year 2

The playground has been full of people in hi-viz jackets and hard hats with clipboards recently. Year 2 travelled back in time to the Great Fire of London as 'Health & Safety Inspectors', and made recommendations for building improvements and town planning as a result of their 'Great Fire' learning.

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about making and following maps. They have drawn maps of the playground and the local area. They have learned how to use a 'key' to show what the symbols mean. In PE they have been playing pirates! Mr Hughes has been mistaken for one a few times!

Dates for your diary:

(New/changed dates will be in red)

- Friday 25 October FODIS Halloween Film Night. Thank you to staff who have volunteered to help on the last day of half term!
- **4th November INSET**
- 8th November Flu vaccinations.
- **7 December (Sat)**
Christmas Choir at the Market
- **Wed 11 December,**
Christmas Dinner and Rocking Horse Dress as an Elf Day (fundraiser) (sorry for the previous error)
- **Friday 13 December,**
Christmas Jumper Day and bring chocolate for the Fair
- **15 December** Christmas Fair 12-3pm
- **Mon 16 & Tues 17 Dec**
Reception Performance 9.30am
- **Wed 18 and Thur 19 Dec**
Year 1 Performance 9.30am
- **Thurs 19 Dec** Year 2 Performance (5pm).

Reception

Reception have been sending secret messages using their 'message centres' – Have you had a message? What does it say? They want to explain to their parents and carers that their 'no grown-ups' messages don't mean they don't love you all, just that they are being independent like Incy! They have also been learning new sounds and how to blend them together and tasting bread!

Feedback

Thank you for your feedback through the class reps, governors, our parent forums and on the survey. We will review how we communicated around the R-Y1 transition as a result, and we have also introduced parent reps, and are changing our website to help share information more effectively. We recently shared a year overview giving details of trips. If you didn't receive it, please ask your class rep or in the office!

Health and Safety

In Assembly we talked about keeping safe when going 'trick or treating', in particular about road safety and being safe with candles.

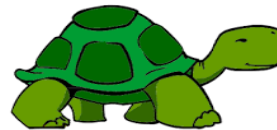


New Staff Member!

After half term we will be welcoming our new administrator/receptionist, **Miss Jones** (not to be confused with Miss Jones, teacher in Starfish, or Mr Jones, teacher of Seahorses!). **A HUGE 'Thank you' to Mrs DeSouza who has been holding the fort since Mrs Gates retired!**



Thank you to our brilliant parent volunteers for the reading army!



Bench of Brilliance!

These children have been recognised for their achievements in school

Badger: Bibi, Akbar **Fox:** Teddy, Elsie H **Hedgehog:** Ollie P, **Squirrel:** Elsie C.



Kingfisher: Annabelle, Freya, Jesse, Stan **Puffin:** Martha **Owl:** Tom, Edrees **Swallow:** Aaradhya



This term all our certificates are linked to our 'Real PE' assessment focus of 'Personal Skills'; being on task, being focussed and challenging yourself. All children getting a certificate will be honoured on the PE 'cogs' display in the reception area.



Thank you to parents who contacted us to say they are trying hard to keep congestion to a minimum around the school. We appreciate every effort to keep the children safe and healthy.



We still need class reps for Puffins, Hedgehogs, Owls and Badgers!

Xmas cards due back the week after half term!



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