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*'Our school will provide the best possible education for all pupils.
We will instil in them an enjoyment and thirst for learning to enable them to fulfil their potential and excel in all they do'.*

December Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas season at Scotts has started with a bang! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Saturday for the Christmas Fayre. It was another high-quality, community event, which I am sure was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone associated with FOSA who worked so hard in the days and weeks leading up to the event, to everyone who donated items and to all of the volunteers who made it possible on the day - you even managed to invite the local Fire brigade! The total raised was an impressive £3894. A recent Coffee morning run by FoSA also raised £66.52.

Parliament Week- 13th-17th November 2017.

At Scotts, we participated in Parliament Week which engaged pupils across the school with learning about Parliament - this also enabled them to explore what it means to them and to appreciate the views and thoughts of different children. We had several visitors in to meet our children and believe me some of our pupils are sure to become MPs in the future! During the week, Mrs Ford (Cranham councillor), Mr Morgon (Hacton councillor) and MP Julia Lopez visited Scotts - they informed the children about their roles and the importance of voicing concerns and opinions in the right way. Julia Lopez is keen to visit local schools so she can gain a wider and deeper understanding of their work and communities. Our visitors were extremely impressed with the school, school council, staff and all the children at Scotts. The school council had a chance to meet our guests and they had a number of questions for our visiting MP - these ranged from her role as an MP to searching questions on Brexit! She was so impressed with Scotts that she returned on Thursday 30th November with a very special guest: Justine Greening (Secretary of State for Education). Thanks to Miss Perry and Mrs Sahota for organising and making this event so successful.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The members of the school council have been elected and they have already met several times to discuss their plans for this year. The members are:

Year 1 Indie Palmer, Noah Baker, Elisha King and Emily Morsi.

Year 2 Bobby Monk, Daisy Jackson, Harry Bartram and Scarlett John-Lewis.

Year 3 Imogen Blackmore, Miller Galley, Max Window and Kira Mosur

Year 4 Connor De Wet and Amelia Acharya

Year 5 Ashwin Kuhan and Olivia Monk

Year 6 Reily Williams, Ryan Minnaar, Harry Hitchcock, Bailey Stephenson, Emily Pepper, Taylor Jacobi and Joe Wright.

The first event that the school council organised for this year was the Bog Eyed Jog which raised an enormous £1241 so thank you to parents and other family members and friends who sponsored the children and gave so generously. The money will be used to fund new iPads. FoSA kindly ran a refreshment stall at the Bog Eyed Jog and raised £84.50.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As a school we continually strive to improve what we do to ensure the greatest outcomes for all our learners. This year we have identified three key areas for development:

1. Increase the percentage of children achieving the higher standard in reading at the end of KS2 so that it matches the percentage of children achieving high levels in maths.

Much work has been done over the past two years to ensure that the school's reading curriculum is challenging, relevant and engaging for our pupils. We will continue to develop the curriculum this year so that there are increased opportunities for children to work at greater depth in reading.

2. Ensure that standards remain high in all subjects and across all year groups as the school moves through its expansion.

Despite all the challenges of the expansion programme over the past few years, a rigorous and effective cycle of evaluation and monitoring has ensured that standards of teaching and learning within the school have remained high. This continues to be a priority for the school. Senior leaders ensure there is a robust programme of accountability measures and this is used alongside the school's assessment system to ensure continuing outstanding outcomes for all our pupils.

3. Continue to narrow any gaps in pupils' achievement and attainment in writing, reading and maths

There has been a continuous trend of improving attainment in all key areas and at all key stages over the past 4 years, and this year, despite the increased demands of the new national curriculum and a more rigorous assessment system, achievement and attainment again has been well above the performance data of other schools in the borough and those nationally. Prompt identification of pupil underperformance and targeted interventions helps to ensure that all groups make similar rates of progress. As with previous years, pupil progress and achievement will be tracked to ensure that any gaps in attainment between girls and boys are narrowed, particularly at the higher levels, and that attainment in reading, writing and maths is similar.

A summary of the School Improvement Plan is available for you to view of the website. If you wish to view the whole version then please ask at the office.

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Good to be different day.

This year we decided to associate our Good to be different day with the Disney film Zootropolis! If you haven't seen it, the story is about a city called Zootopia that is separated into different districts (e.g. Rainforest, The Burrows, Tundratown etc). The film was heavily focussed on prejudice and underestimation based on where the animals are from and the type of animal that they are. The children reflected on the things that makes them different and unique as well as participating in conversations about diversity, with a strong focus on equality and acceptance.

Road Safety Workshops

Years 3 and 4 attended in school road safety workshops. The team covered several elements of road safety:

- Demonstrate safe pedestrian and passenger behaviour and encourage others to do the same.
- Demonstrate safe cycling practices when learning to ride bikes in a controlled situation.
- Identify potential hazards when walking or cycling in their local community and can use appropriate strategies to keep themselves safe.

Cycle safety training:

Year 5 children enjoyed the challenge and enjoyment of these sessions and the instructors commented on the attitudes displayed by all the children involved.

Team-building:

Children in Years 3 and 4 had a super day at Stubbers Outdoor Adventure Centre. They took part in team-building and leadership activities and really challenged themselves in overcoming some of their fears.

Online Safety Day:

We decided to run our own online safety day at Scotts. This provided further opportunities for children to enhance their understanding and knowledge around keeping safe online. All the children presented their learning during our 'Online Safety' assembly.

Safeguarding

The local authority has created a new policy which all schools are now following: *Policy and Procedure for Primary and Junior aged Children not collected from School at the end of the school day*. You can read the full policy on our website (Safeguarding).

Parking

Maybank entrance- Several residents have been in contact with the school with regards to inconsiderate parking. Could we please ask you to take into consideration the thoughts and requests of the local residents when dropping off and collecting your children.

Sporting events

Both the boys and girls football teams have participated in competitive league football matches this term.

The boys are currently in the last 16 of the schools cup after a comprehensive victory over Parklands Junior School. The girls also gave a great account of themselves but unfortunately lost by a single goal to Engayne. Well done to all our footballers.

Results and further details about our sporting events, along with photos, can be viewed on the school's web site <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/home> under the 'Curriculum' tab (then Sports).

Scotts Extended Opportunities Project

Children in Years 5 and 6 have participated in both Able Writers' and Maths Days. They worked alongside pupils from other local schools to overcome challenging elements of the curriculum. Pupils from Sanders supported the leaders and I would like to thank everyone involved.

Pyjama story time session

Yet again, our Pyjama Story Telling session was very well attended. The children had great fun listening to and telling stories whilst they enjoyed a hot chocolate and biscuit.

Whole School Debate

Year 5 pupils led the debate this term. The question under debate was: Should we teach sixty minutes of PE a day? Mrs Boardman (school governor) attended the debate and gave her views and it was clear from the end vote that pupils thought that we as a school should deliver more PE.

Harvest festival

Thank you to those parents who sent in tins and packages for our harvest festival. Again this year, donations were shared between Mike McCarthy's Magic Moments cancer charity and local residents in the community

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Again this year we will be supporting Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Day charity event, when the children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper and bring in a donation of £1. Please note that the official day for this is Friday 15th December 2017, however we have decided to participate on the 19th December to coincide with our Christmas dinner.

Finally, thank you to those parents who have sent in congratulations to the school following the Times naming us as the 3rd best primary school in England. These messages have been passed on to staff and shared with the children in assembly. They are undoubtedly very proud of their school as we are of them!

Dates for Your Diary:

Tuesday 12th December	-	Infant Nativity @ 9:30am & 2:15pm
Wednesday 13th December	-	Infant Nativity @ 9:30am
Friday 15th December	-	Choir Carol Singing at Romford
Monday 18th December	-	Carol Concert at St Andrews Church @ 6pm
Tuesday 19th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
		Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th December	-	Songs Around The Tree
		Last Day of School
Thursday 21st December	-	
Monday 1st January		Christmas Holidays - School Closed
Tuesday 2nd January	-	INSET Day School Closed
Wednesday 3rd January	-	School Reopens

Mrs J Taylor (Head Teacher) and Mr Kinnear (Deputy Head Teacher)