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Headteacher's Note

Welcome back to all our families, I hope you have had a lovely break with your loved ones. Please enjoy looking through this new format newsletter and finding out about the fantastic things taking place in school. The children have been really positive about our new lunch time choice website. Every morning, children get to choose their main meal and dessert for their lunch. This ensures that every child gets a hot meal that they want. Children have loved the opportunity to make this choice and we have seen much less waste and happier children!

We have been working hard to further develop our outdoor area to enhance the learning opportunities for children. We now have a fire pit, which some of the children have already enjoyed toasting marshmallows upon! We have more plans for this area so watch this space for updates.

Spooky World!



On **Wednesday 24th October** Mrs Lowe, Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Clyne went on a Pikes Lane family trip to Spooky World. It was truly a Halloween spectacular, with the tractor ride being a particular highlight. Thank you to all the parents and children that came.

Orienteering Holiday Fun



On **Tuesday 23rd October** Mrs Lowe, Mr Higgins and Mrs Patel took 30 children orienteering at Queens Park. They were all exhausted at the end but they were great at map reading! The photo above shows everyone trying to catch leaves... it's harder than you think. Perhaps you could try it at the park this weekend.....

Road Safety

We are holding a Road Safety Assembly on **28th November 2018 at 2.30pm**. Our student ambassadors have planned it all and will be delivering the assembly themselves. We hope you are able to attend. Thanks Mrs Lowe



Wake up your Halloween Shake Up

We dressed up and learnt how to do the "Thriller" dance this Halloween at Breakfast Club.

All the children had a great time and were wide awake ready for a day of learning!



Attendance

It's cool to come to school!

Caterpillars AM	88%
Caterpillars PM	85%
Butterflies AM	96%
Butterflies PM	94%
Ladybirds	97%
Busy Bees	95%
1CM	99%
1GF	97%
2LW	98%
2JH	100%
3SB	97%
3OM	100%
4AH	99%
4RW	96%
5AJ	98%
5HM	99%
6MP	97%
6NW	98%

Our whole school attendance for last week was 97%

Well done to 2JH and 3OM for 100% attendance!

Head Boy / Head Girl introduction



Hello my name is Aaminah and I am known as the head girl in our school! My job is to make sure that all of the prefects are doing their jobs and I have to make sure that they are all happy with the job that they have! I check the rota and make sure that everybody is in the correct place.

To get this job, I had to present to 61 members of year 6 and our teachers! It was very tense because there were a lot of amazing applicants! It all came down to the teachers choosing who would be the most suitable pupil for the job and amazingly I was the chosen one!

As part of my role, I also contribute as a Leader of Learning, where I work with a team to think about our future terms and projects. After this meeting, we present to all of the members of staff!

My name is Rayhan and I would like to introduce myself as the new Head Boy. As the new Head Boy, I would like to achieve many things like: continue to make the school enjoyable for all pupils, be a good role model for other students and be an excellent representative for the school.

Our Calendar

Please note these dates are subject to change. Further details about specific events will follow.

Friday 16th November – Children in Need Day – Wear spots or pyjamas for £1!

Tuesday 20th November – Friends of Pikes Lane Meeting 2:30pm

Wednesday 28th November – Road Safety Assembly ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday 5th December – Year 6 assembly

Thursday 6th December – Friends of Pikes Lane Charity Walk

Thursday 13th December – Reception Christmas Performance 10.30am and 2pm

Friday 14th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 2-3.20pm

Tuesday 18th December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 2-3.20pm

Wednesday 19th December – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 2-3.20pm

Christmas Holidays: Monday 24th December 2018 to Monday 7th January 2019 inclusive

February Half Term: Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019

Easter holidays: Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April (inclusive)

Bank holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

May Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Monday 3rd June inclusive

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2019

Spotlight on Year 6!

Adventure, exploration and collaboration. Three words to describe the Year 6 journey so far. Whether we have been constructing traps for 'the beastie' from our class book (The Lord of the Flies), coding robots to search for Ralph and Piggy's crashed plane or putting on our best David Attenborough voices as we present a documentary, Year 6 have worked hard with smiles on their faces.

Outstanding flashback stories, labelled diagrams and a developing understanding of living things and their environment are a reflection of the broad learning that has taken place so far in Year 6. So far, we have all loved our time in Year 6 and are excited for more challenges and experiences to come!



In Year 6, we are preparing to write a balanced argument. We received an email from Amazon asking us to help them decide if robots should replace humans at the work place or not. We had to write reasons why robots should be allowed and reasons why they shouldn't. We found out there are some advantages and disadvantages! We replied to the 'Head of Logistics' at Amazon to let her know our thoughts.

Natasha 6NW



Gifted and Talented

On Friday Mrs Jolly and three members of Year 5 attended the North West gifted and talented maths masterclass at the University of Manchester.

Rukaiyya, Tobi and Abdulrahman took part in a range of mastery activities led by the NWGT Director - Aileen Hoare.

Throughout the day their maths ability was put to the test as they challenged Pythagoras' theory and explored Binary code.



Fire Pit

5AJ took part in a fire pit session where they learnt how to safely cook marshmallows and make marshmallow smores. This will be the first of many sessions involving our newly built fire pit.

All age groups will experience lessons similar to this in a safe and fun environment.



