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30th January 2019

Dear Parents

FOBS Meeting

The next FOBS meeting is on **Friday 8th February at 1.30pm** in the school library. Please do come along and give your thoughts, views and ideas.

1000 Club

The lucky winners for January were: 1st: Louise Thorne; 2nd: Lin Howell; 3rd: Jill Stevens.
Thank you to all who support the school through the 1000 club.

Class 1 and Class 2 Cake Sale

The latest FOBS cake sale raised **£132.45!** Well done and thank you to all involved. It's events like this which make it possible to do all the extra things we do like Healthy Schools Week which we're having this week with some exciting workshops.

Healthy Schools Week

We are of course a Healthy School all year round (despite the cake sales!) and one of only 5 schools in Wiltshire to hold the Gold Healthy Schools Award! Our Healthy Schools Week allows us to provide many enrichment activities so that children develop not just health awareness with regard to safety, eating and exercise but healthy attitudes too including respect for ourselves and others and an awareness of well-being. This is an outline of the themes and workshops this week which all fit in with our school values of Learning, Caring, Growing and Sharing and the value this term which is Perseverance:

Monday – Disability Awareness

Tuesday – Circus Skills

Wednesday – Air Ambulance and The Dog's Trust doing pet awareness workshops

Thursday – The Life Education Centre and Fire Safety

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Life Education Centre workshops

Class R: All About Me

Class 1: My Wonderful Body

Class 2: Feelings

Class 3: Meet the Brain

Class 4: It's Great to be Me

Class 5: Friends

Class 6: Decisions

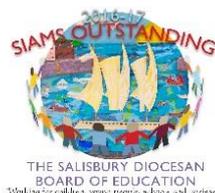
On Thursday there is a session for parents in the Life Education Centre from 2.45 – 3.15. All are welcome.

We hope that the children have a lot of fun doing all the different workshops and that this contributes towards our broad and balanced curriculum.

I'm adding photos and a few videos to our Instagram page so that you can see some of the things which we've been doing this week.



Artsmark
Silver Award
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Reducing Food Waste

The children have decided they want to reduce food waste as an environmental project. Elsa, Hugo and Leah have already presented an assembly to the whole school and Mrs Tribbeck is weighing the waste to see if there is a reduction. The project is just to raise awareness about waste, please be reassured that no child is forced to eat their lunch although a little gentle encouragement from staff can help them to try different foods.

Online Safety Survey

Thank you so much for all the responses to the children's online safety survey. The committee will look at them all later on this term and collate the responses and compare them with the surveys done in class. This will be shared with teachers and parents and will inform our planning to make sure we are delivering what is relevant to the children's needs. The online safety committee have been busy preparing for Safer Internet Day next Tuesday.

Story and Hot Chocolate Night

Thank you to Mrs Cordle and all the helpers! A special thank you to the bedtime story readers Mrs Clinch, Mrs Price and Mrs Barnett who, along with our author Julia Edwards, did a great job entertaining the 92 children with their story books. It was a really special evening and we hope a good time was had by all.



Disco

With the school disco coming up on **Thursday 14th February**, some of you may be wondering what to do about clubs that day. It's a busy day for clubs with Art, Cookery, Puzzle/Play, Netball, Bead Craft and Football! All of the clubs WILL be running so it's up to you to decide what to do.

- If it is wet Geoff will unfortunately have to cancel his football Club as the hall will be in use with the Disco. Children from class 1 and class 2 who do football with Geoff could bring disco clothes just in case football is cancelled due to the weather as then they could go to the Disco instead and pay on the day or later.
- Children in classes 4, 5 and 6 who do clubs up until 4.30pm could bring clothes to change into and go into the Disco from 4.45 – 5.45 which could be handy for some parents.
- FOBS are not providing food this time so if your child is staying on after school for the Disco please make sure you send them in with an extra snack to keep them going.

Parents Survey

It's that time of year when we send out the parents' survey; this is sent out every other year. We would really appreciate as many responses as possible for it to be meaningful, ideally a 50% response rate from each class. It's disappointing for staff when the responses are only a few. I would like to share the comments with staff so please be considerate in what you write. We really do take notice of the comments whether they are constructive criticism or praise. The survey will be found in your child's book bag so you don't need to print anything out. Please can surveys be returned by the end of term on **Friday 15th February**.

Easy Fundraising  easyfundraising.org.uk
feel good shopping

Easy fundraising has been mentioned in the FOBS newsletters before. So far £348 has been raised by 35 supporters. It's really easy - just download the app on your phone then remember to use it when you shop! Nearly all the major online retailers are on there! Even USwitch will give FOBS a donation if you're thinking of switching suppliers!

February is the peak time of the year for holiday and travel bookings. Easyfundraising have over 240 travel retailers including trains, flights, accommodation and holiday packages. With the likes of Thomas Cook, TUI and Booking.com giving BIG donations, if parents book holidays online via easy fundraising, FOBS could raise £100s – without costing you anything and with very little effort!

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our next round of parent teacher meetings will be held week commencing 4th March. We always try to give you plenty of notice so that you can book your appointments. The dates will be **Monday 4th** and **Tuesday 5th March** for all classes except Class 2 who will do **Monday 4th** and **Wednesday 6th March**.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet day is **Tuesday 5th February**. Our pupil led online safety committee will be leading assemblies in school and launching a competition. One app which I think is really useful for parents is NetAware by the NSPCC. You can put in the name of an online game and the app will help you to decide if it suitable for your child.

Yours sincerely,



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