

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

5HT Assembly: 5HT produced a really informative assembly this morning about evacuees in WW2. They spoke very clearly and gave us lots to think about as children tried to imagine what it would be like to have to leave home to live in the countryside with strangers. They also shared some famous people who had been evacuees - notably Michael Caine and Roger Moore!

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Macy Loken, Devontae Hall and Eidlis Kabango, who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

Golden Tickets: The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets today and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
1	Rubie and Lexie	4	Caitlyn
2	Bethlehem and Ahmad	5	Samuel and Nayrat
3	Bryan and Freya	6	LaceyLee and Marcio

Uniform: Thank you to everyone for ensuring that your children are wearing the correct uniform. They look really smart and there has been a big improvement since last term. Can I ask that as your child outgrows their current shoes, that you please replace them with black 'school' shoes and not trainers. With the winter months coming up, these provide better support and protection for their feet. Also, I've had a few items of jewellery handed in since the start of term which were in danger of becoming lost. Can you please remind your child that they are not allowed to wear any jewellery at school apart from stud earrings.

Disney Day: On Wednesday, our new catering team invited the children and staff to join in with a Disney themed day. Children dressed up as their favourite Disney character for the day and enjoyed a school meal, which included "Winnie the Pooh" honey baked ham and "Frozen" ice cream sundae. The children have also been invited to take part in a colouring competition where they have the chance to win a fantastic scooter. The closing date for this is Monday 21st September and the winners will be announced in next Wednesday's assembly.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: To collect cakes for our coffee morning, we are holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 23rd September, where children are welcome to come into school out of school uniform in exchange for them bringing in shop-bought cakes, in sealed packets.

Following this, on Friday 25th September we will be holding the coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan. Parents, carers, family and friends are invited to the school dining area between 9:30 and 10.30, where we will be selling a selection of cakes and a choice of drink for 20p each. Children will also be given the opportunity to come with their class during the school day, to enjoy a cake and a drink. Please come along and help us to raise money for this great cause.

Photograph Permission Letters: You will have received a letter this week requesting permission for your child's photograph to be used across the school and beyond, for example on the school website or on our Twitter feed. It is important that you return the signed form, as we are unable to publish photographs without this. Sometimes we find that parents (and children) can become upset if they are not included in group or class photographs, because the permission slip has not been returned.

Collection of Children: You will be aware that the school day ends at 3:20pm and teachers plan learning for the children at all times of the day. Children should only be collected early from school in exceptional circumstances and certainly not on a regular basis.

Teacher Training: We have now finalised the teacher training days for the remainder of this academic year so please make a note that these are the days when children are not required to attend school: Monday 2nd November 2015, Monday 4th January 2016, Friday 27th May 2016 and Wednesday 20th July 2016.

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Tuesday 22 nd September	-	Parents' Open Evening
Friday 25 th September	-	Macmillan Coffee morning
Monday 28 th September	-	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 6 th October	-	School Council Trip
Wednesday 21 st October	-	One Big Thing
Friday 23 rd October	-	Half term break
Monday 2 nd November	-	Teacher Training day (<i>children should not attend school</i>)
Tuesday 3 rd November	-	Children return to school
Friday 18 th December	-	Christmas break
Monday 4 th January	-	Teacher Training day (<i>children should not attend school</i>)
Tuesday 5 th January	-	Children return to school
Friday 12 th February	-	Half term break
Monday 22 nd February	-	Children return to school
Thursday 24 th March	-	Easter break
Monday 11 th April	-	Children return to school
Thursday 26 th May	-	Half term break
Friday 27 th May	-	Teacher Training day (<i>children should not attend school</i>)
Monday 6 th June	-	Children return to school
Tuesday 19 th July	-	Summer break
Wednesday 20 th July	-	Teacher Training day (<i>children should not attend school</i>)

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week:

14 th September	-	School Council trip letter (School Council)
15 th September	-	Photo permission slip (Whole School)
16 th September	-	PE Sessions (Year 6)
17 th September	-	Macmillan Coffee Morning (Whole School)
18 th September	-	Parents' Evening (Whole School)

Attendance (for last week):



Our school target for attendance is 96%.

Last week's attendance was 96.4%

The classes with the best attendance last week were: 3ZT and 5NL with 100%