



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year!

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Ava-Marie Thomson, Ali Ali, Kaitlyn Lowe, Meadow Scott, Crystal Dawson-Parry, Macy Loken, Freddie Tomlinson, Shannon Watson and Nicola Okurowska, 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
R	Dmitry and Angel	4	Martyna and Phoenix
1	Riyam and Tyrelle	5	Charlie and Jaffer
2	Abdul and Richard	6	Jamal and Jade
3	Lexi and Salima		

Building Learning Power (BLP): Staff received further BLP training on the teacher day at the start of term. The idea behind BLP is that if children learn how to become better at learning they will make better progress and will develop strategies which they can use for the rest of their lives when they come across a problem that needs to be solved. This term we will be continuing to work with children on the subject of Perseverance. They will be covering five areas: what to do when they get stuck; emotional toughness - expecting learning to be 'hard work' and not giving up if things aren't 'easy'; managing distractions - knowing what or who to avoid so they can get on with their learning; dealing with challenge - resisting the temptation to stick with 'easy', can-do activities; and goal orientation - being able to set and work towards achievable goals. Can you please help us by encouraging your children to have a 'can do' attitude. If they tell you that they can't do something, can you please say to them the same thing that we'll be saying at school - "You can, but just not yet!"

School 'Hand Values' We have reviewed our Mission Statement and combined it with our 'Hand Values'. These state simply and clearly what we aim to achieve and what we expect from our pupils. Each child has been given a copy to share with you. We will be referring to it a lot over the coming weeks and months at school.

New Year Resolutions Children have been challenged to think of something that they can do better at at home and something that they can do more of or improve at school. Please discuss these at home as many children suggested helping around the house, keeping bedrooms tidy or getting on better with brothers and sisters as possible things they would try to do.

House Point Winners: Last half term, the house point winners were the children in Herbert House. All of the children in this house received an extra play this week for their fantastic effort for their team - well done Herbert! Now that we are at the start of a new half term, each team can begin to collect points again and so anyone can win! As a reminder, every time children earn a teacher award, this is also a point that goes towards their house team. Mr Black announces the house point winners every Monday in assembly and the team captains are presented with the house shield.

Class Assemblies: Please make a note of your child's class assembly as detailed below:

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 15 th January	6JK	Friday 4 th March	2ET
Friday 22 nd January	5NL	Friday 11 th March	6SH
Friday 29 th January	4SG	Friday 18 th March	4KG
Friday 5 th February	3DG	Thursday 24 th March	1JG
Friday 12 th February	2CB	Friday 15 th April	3ZT
Friday 26 th February	5HT	Friday 22 nd April	1JS

Mobile Phones: It has come to our attention that a couple of children have accidentally brought mobile phones in to school. Please may we ask you to remind children to leave these valuable items at home as we are concerned that they may become lost, broken or stolen. If you need to contact your child in an emergency during the school day, the school office phone number is 024 7661 2073 and any messages that are urgent can be passed on in this way. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

American themed lunch: On Thursday 14th January, the school kitchen will be holding an American themed lunch. Children can select from the following meals: beef burger in a bun, Californian BBQ chicken or New York veggie hot dog. A letter was sent home about this on Wednesday requesting each child to decide his/her meal requirement in advance, so that we can ensure we have enough of your child's preferred food choice.

Christmas Jumper Day: We managed to raise a total of £121.91 for Christmas jumper day, which was held on the final day of the Autumn term. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed. The money raised will be donated to the following charities: Macmillan Cancer support, Make a Wish and Save the Children.


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

Thursday 14 th January	-	Choir to Young Voices
Thursday 14 th January	-	American themed lunch
Friday 15 th January	-	Year 5 to Botanical Gardens
Monday 8 th February	-	Chinese themed lunch for Chinese New Year
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
Monday 9 th May	-	SATs week for Year 6
Saturday 14 th - Monday 16 th May	-	Hordain football tournament (France)
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:

5 th January - Maths and Literacy Booster Groups (Year 4)	6 th January - American themed lunch letter (YR - Y6)
5 th January - Trip to Botanical Gardens (Year 5)	6 th January - Attendance Reward Trip (attendance winners)
6 th January - Literacy Booster Groups (Year 3)	7 th January - WASPS Rugby ticket letter (KS2)

<p>Attendance (for the week before Christmas):</p> 	Our school target for attendance is 97%.
	Last week's attendance was 95.3%
	The class with the best attendance for the week before Christmas was: 4SG and 5NL with 100%
	Attendance money won: £5.00 - 6SH, £2.50 - 5HT