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Friday 16th September 2011

This week in assembly we have been thinking about 'Friends' and the importance of being a good friend. This has included hearing the story of Jesus healing the paralysed man and the parable of the prodigal son.

Life in school

This week we welcome Ben, a sports coach from Chelsea who will be working with all children from Year 1 during the school day. The purpose is to raise the amount of PE time the children receive and to raise the sport opportunities we offer our children.

School Library

If any parents or relatives have any good quality, current nonfiction books that they no longer require, we would be delighted to have them for the school library. Please bring them to the school office.

School dinners

This is to remind children and parents that next week; we will be on week three of the menu. The date was omitted from the Caterhouse's menu plan. (School meal provider)

School Bags and coats

As we have restricted space in our cloakrooms please could you ensure that children's bags are kept to a minimum size. It is also useful if coats have a loop to hang them onto pegs as they do have a habit of falling on the floor.

Bottle Tops

Mrs Bolton is still collecting plastic bottle tops to support children in wheelchairs. Many thanks to all those who have collected for her in the past. Please continue to bring any plastic bottle tops to the office to support this worthy cause.

Wine tasting Evening-Reminder

The staff are holding a wine tasting evening on Friday 30th September at 7.30pm. There will be a number of white and red wines to taste. The evening will be informal and in a quiz style with teams of 8. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles. The money raised from the event will go to the Romania visits of Miss Proctor and Miss Boyd. The event is being hosted by a wine expert who has a wealth of knowledge. Please get tickets at a cost of £15 from the school office as soon as possible.

PTA News

We have a legal responsibility to hold an AGM for the PTA. This will be on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. There will be a PTA meeting following the AGM. If you would like to stand for a place on the committee please complete the form and return it before the meeting. This was emailed to you in the first week of term.

The PTA are holding a FS/KS1 and KS2 disco on Thursday 29th September. Tickets are available from the school gate from members of the PTA or available on the door. Cost £3 each.

There is a PTA trip coming up to Harrods. Please see separate flyer attached for more details.

Breakfast Club and After-school Care. Reminder

For any parents interested in using this service, please complete and return the questionnaire by 26th September. This was sent out on Tuesday 13th September by email.

Out of School Successes:

Please continue to inform the school if your child achieves an out of school success. We would love to celebrate their achievements with them. We share out of school successes in our whole school assembly on Monday. Congratulations this week goes to:

- Jasmine Rich for achieving her swimming proficiency.
- Edward Hinds for achieving his level three ice skating award.
- Demi Wade-Thomas for coming first in the 'Lead Rein' competition riding Goldie.
- Georgia Pease for achieving Grade 1 in her violin exam.
- Ellie Cotgrove for achieving a merit in her recent Grade 3 modern exam and and honours in her tap exam.
- James Neville for achieving his 5 metre swimming award
- Marney Easen for coming second in the Great Britain Alpha Factor competition. She competed in the vault, bars and floor and beam disciplines.

Green book entries

Staff send children to us if a child has produced an especially good piece of work, tried very hard or shown very good behaviour. They receive a Headteacher sticker and they write their name into the 'Green Book'. This week the entries are:

- All the children who produced such fantastic journals following the summer holiday. These were all read by classteachers, Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson and we were very proud of the hard work that went into them.
- Kai Williams for fantastic reading on his 3rd day at school!
- Georgia Pease for fantastic homework about astronauts
- Charlotte Nisbett, Charlotte Josiah, Gabby Donley for great Literacy writing.
- Jimmy Golding for very good maths work.
- Danny Ronald for brilliant spelling sentences.

Star of the Week

Each class has a star of the week. This is a different child or adult every week. The class share what they believe are the qualities of that child. Congratulations to the children who are 'stars of the week'.

Headteachers' Award Charlotte Flood for being so polite to adults and always sharing with others.	Class JA Jessica Townsend	Class KN Leo Bull	Class LB Joshua carter	Class MM Samuel Baisden
Class G/E Jack Ingram	Class ES Charlie Hills	Class CW Anna Collis	Class VB Georgia Pease	Class RP Sean Caulfield

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson
Headteachers

Letters that have been emailed this week: Breakfast Club and After School Care, YMCA Questionnaire, Wine Quiz Evening, Zoo trip letter and permission slip Class G/E. Bikeability Yr 6, Southend Planetarium trip letter and permission slip Class VP and RP.



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