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Friday 11th November 2011

Assembly

This week we have been looking at the Jesus' disciples. We have also taken a two minute silence to mark Remembrance Day. Today the KS2 members of school council will be attending a short service at the war memorial to commemorate Remembrance Day. This is such an important occasion and it is so important that children recognise the significance of it. Please take time to speak to your children about it over the weekend.

Skipping Days

As part of our priority to improve playtimes and lunchtimes for children as well as promote healthy lifestyles we will be running professional skipping sessions for all children on 15th and 16th November. Each class will have a session with a qualified coach and this will culminate in a whole school show on Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately, whilst we would love to invite parents to the show, our school hall is not large enough to accommodate the children and adults. High quality speed ropes are available to order from today from the school office or alternatively you can buy them from the school hall on Wed 16th between 3.15 and 3.45pm directly from the coach at a cost of £4. Children may bring their ropes in for use at playtime and lunchtime but please ensure they are labelled with your child's name.

Children in Need

A reminder that we are celebrating Children in Need next Friday. This year the theme is "Show your spots and let's raise lots!" This will be a non-uniform day, preferably spotty, for a donation of £1. The children may also like to enter one of the competitions previously advertised.

Health and Safety

We are very concerned about the traffic issues directly outside the school gates. In light of this and parental concerns we wish to petition the local authority and other relevant agencies with a view to having a zebra crossing outside the school. We would urge parents to sign the petition in the school office to indicate the level of support for this issue. Please could we also remind parents to park considerably when dropping off / collecting children from school.

Travelling Book Fair

Book fair is now in school. Please do support it if you are able to do so.

Shoe boxes

Please make sure your shoe boxes are in school by Monday 14th November. We are aiming for 100. Can we rise to the challenge?

PTA News

Please see the attachment with this week's newsletter.

Please visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk to register for all your online shopping. At no cost to yourself a percentage of your spend in many shops including Tesco, Sainsburys, Toys R Us, Amazon etc will come directly to the school PTA. So far with only 9 people registered we have already earned £16. Thank you for your support.

Kitchen assistant Required

7.5 hours per week between 12 and 1.30 Mon - Fri. For more details or to apply please contact Teresa Dando on 07799896583

Parent Governor

Thank you to the three candidates who stood for election. There were 81 votes cast. The results were Lesley Stott 39 votes. Shane Williams 22 votes and Maz Norman 20 votes. We therefore welcome Mrs Stott to the Governing Body.

Christmas in school

A letter about all the Christmas arrangements and the necessary permission/ticket request slips will be emailed next week. Please ensure that you apply for tickets early.

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:

Marney Easen. She has qualified for the British gymnastic squad. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of her.

Thalia Mitchell for competing and winning in a recent Speech, Mime and Drama exam.

Charlie Collis for being selected for the elite team in his karate school

Charlotte Richbell for winning 4 out of 7 games in her first tennis tournament.

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:

- Summer Hicks for self correcting and super neat handwriting
- Jai Felsted for great maths work
- Marney Easen and Lauren Webber for completing the ultimate tables challenge in under five minutes.
- Alfie Hills for super colouring, perseverance and understanding about Diwali.
- Charlotte Josiah, Ella henton, Leon Imber and Lizzy Sylvester for great work on division.

Star of the Week

Headteachers' Award Clevisa Hysa For always being polite and well behaved.	Class JA Rachael Hunter-Beal	Class KN Rebecca Sutton	Class LB Klay Felstead	Class MM Olivia Hope
Class G/E Alicia Crease	Class ES Holly Corbell	Class CW Charlotte Richbell	Class VB Charlotte Nisbett	Class RP Rachael Harper

Letters that have been emailed this week:

Skipping Rope information

Author Visit for Year 1, Year 2 and Foundation Stage

Phonics Group for Mrs May, Miss Boyd and Mrs Newhouse

Girls Netball Tournament and Rules

Yours sincerely,

Helen Craig / Sue Wilson

Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson
Headteachers

