



Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your feedback about how useful you have found the recent Interim Reports for finding out how well your child is doing at school. We will hand out the next report at our Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings on 23rd and 24th February. We will also hand out the curriculum statements to help you to know exactly what your child is currently learning in English and Maths. Please let us know if you have any questions about any of this information.

It seems that wet weather gear is now the order of the day! Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them every day; if they get caught in the rain, it is uncomfortable to then sit in class in wet clothing.

We continue to email the newsletter weekly to everyone we hold email addresses for. If you do not receive the email, do check your 'junk' email folders or speak to the office to ensure we have the correct email address for you.

Local Playwright Visit

On Friday 15th January, Year 3 were visited by local playwright Paul Hodson who spoke about what it is like to write a playscript and how to create a play. The children shared their playscripts that they had written during the week in English. The children really enjoyed the visit and learnt a lot about the wonderful world of theatre.

Mrs Page, Mr Burke, Mrs Marchant, Miss Durrant



Football Match



On Tuesday, our football teams played two tough games against Langney Primary School. Both teams played well, had a number of chances and never gave up. The final scores were: A Team lost 3-2 and the B Team lost 4-0. Well done to all who played! I was very proud of all of your commitment throughout the 2 games. St John's Meads away in the quarter finals of the cup is our next game!

Mr Hester



Year 6 Trip



On Thursday 21st January, Year 6 visited Eastbourne seafront to learn about our town's history and geography. The children thoroughly enjoyed the tour provided by the friends of the Wish Tower and found it incredibly informative. A number of the children were also fortunate enough to be given a tour of Eastbourne Pier by the owner, Sheikh Abid Gulzar.

The children were very well behaved and demonstrated on the walk from school to the seafront, how fit they have become since starting our regular 'Stafford Mile' sessions. Liz Crew, from the Wish Tower Friends, commented on how lovely and engaged our pupils were, stating that they were a credit to us all.

Mrs Ward, Mrs Stevens, Miss Taylor

Maths Minion Masters



Congratulations to Laurence in 5 Sycamore who become the schools 1st Maths Minion Master last week followed this week by Finlay in 5 Alder. Mr Walton is busy preparing new challenges!

2Lt Drink Bottles Needed

We will soon be starting an exciting whole school project to develop learning outside the classroom and we need your help! Please could you donate all of your used, clean and uncrushed 2Lt plastic drink containers. They need to be the standard straight bottles as pictured and if you are also able to remove the labels that would be greatly appreciated. There will be designated collection bins for these at the outside doors every morning. We need to collect a minimum of 1500 bottles so please start saving now. We will share more details of the planned projects once we have shared them with the children after half term.



If you also come across any empty snail shells or have any old bamboo sticks that you no longer have a use for, we will be able to put them to good use too.

Message from School Council

In response to some of the issues recently with dropping children off and parking around the school, the School Council, made up of pupil representatives from every class, are currently looking at ways that they can help improve the situation. They have written 5 questions that they would like you to answer through an online survey. The link to take the survey, powered by Survey Monkey, has been emailed to you along with the newsletter and also sent via text message. Thank you.

NSPCC Sponsor Money

Sally Stubbs has been in school today collecting the sponsor money and presenting the children with their badges. She has been overwhelmed and amazed at how much money the children have raised and would like to express her sincere thanks to everyone who has sponsored or taking part in the sponsored events. If you forgot to send your form in by today, Sally is back on the 2nd February to say thank you to the children in assembly so send any outstanding forms in by Monday 1st February.

This Week's Stafford Stars

★ Year 3 ★	★ Year 4 ★	★ Year 5 ★	★ Year 6 ★
3 Birch – Phoebe	4 Ash – Jamie	5 Acacia – Mia	6 Cedar – Nola
3 Elm – Charlie W	4 Chestnut – Ethan & Maison	5 Alder – Evie	6 Maple – Travis
3 Poplar – Kal-El	4 Larch - Katie	5 Beech – Izabella	6 Oak – Laila
3 Rowan – Phoebe		5 Sycamore – Henry	

Attendance Challenge

The classes with the best attendance for last week were 4 Ash and 5 Acacia with 98.7% - well done!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th January – Year 4 trip to the British Museum in London
Friday 5th February – Year 3 Spanish Day
Friday 12th February – Last day of term 3
Monday 22nd February – INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23rd February – Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 24th February – Parent Teacher Consultations

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.