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Dear Parents

### **Achievement Assembly**

This month's Achievement Assembly will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2:45pm in the School Hall. Year Group Cups are being presented for achievements in Writing and Spelling. Sarah Saunders, East Midlands Education and Community Officer for the Dogs Trust, will be presenting with the aim of laying the foundations for developing an understanding of the behaviour of dogs and the importance of responsibility about dogs, as well as increasing the understanding of how this relates to us as humans. The hall will be open from 2:30pm. Don't forget the cake raffle!

### **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February with this year's theme being about asking permission and how we can all work together to create a better Internet. There is an Online Safety App (Internet Matters) for you. The app takes you and your child through a range of 9 different online safety subjects and questions together, which each person answers individually. Use these links to download it:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/internetmatters/id1088787905?mt=8>  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.internetmatters&hl=en>

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and we will be sending home a World Book Day £1 voucher with each child. When they get their book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the ten World Book Day books!

Or, if you would prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead! And if you would rather get an audio book, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audio book costs at least £2.99.

The voucher can also be used for £1 off any book ordered from the Scholastic Book Club leaflet – send your token in with your order form and payment.

We will be dressing up! This time we are dressing up as a word, not as odd as it sounds when you start to think about it. The word can be any word but the idea is to use the most powerful instance of the word – 'exhausted' instead of 'tired' if your child wants to come in their pyjamas, for example. Each child will complete a sheet during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February detailing the word they have chosen, its definition and some ideas for what they could wear. A very quick internet search found lots of ideas (mostly from America) showing that this works for lots of different word classes – just Google 'vocabulary parade' and look in Images. On the Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, each child can come in dressed in their outfit. They should also have a sign pinned on them somewhere with the word and its definition.

### **School Kitchen**

An unannounced visit took place on 14<sup>th</sup> February to our School Kitchen for a Food Hygiene / Health and Safety Inspection. I am very pleased to report that a Five Star Food Hygiene Rating was received, well done Jenny.

### **Menu Changes**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March the menu will be Sausage or Veggie Sausage, Chips and Beans with Pancakes or a Biscuit for pudding.

### **Cross Country**

A great effort by our runners again on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The next race is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Health and Wellbeing Programme**

As you may be aware, we have worked with Premier Sport to make a successful application to the National Lottery Awards for All. As part of the application the children will receive a twelve session healthy lifestyle programme using the main principles of keeping healthy: eating well, drinking well, moving well and sleeping well. Food education, fitness and sustainability are just some of the topics that are brought to life through fun, interactive sessions that don't just increase knowledge but also develop practical cooking skills, emotional awareness, determination and motivation to change. Creative and thought provoking home tasks are promoted to families using an online portal and children are recognised and rewarded for utilising their new skills at home. The lessons will take place on Wednesdays for Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 and on Fridays for Fox Cubs and Year 1 & 2.

### **Football**

Our Sports Ambassadors and School Council intra-school football league between the Tigers, Pumas, Leopards and Jaguars, has started well with the following results: Pumas winning 5 – 1 against the Jaguars, Tigers winning 3 – 1 against the Leopards and Pumas winning 4 – 0 against the Leopards. There are three matches still to be played over the next few weeks.

### **Badminton**

Congratulations to Charlie B and Theo P who won all of their matches and were awarded Year 6 Champions. Ollie S and Billy R also played very well and came third in the competition. Twelve pairs took part at Babington Academy in Beaumont Leys. Thank you to Mrs Rowe for transporting the children.

### **Foxton School Association**

The FSA are busy organising events to raise funds. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March there is a Fish, Chips and Bingo evening and on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Bags2School collection (see what they collect – <https://baq2school.com/what-we-collect>). Further details from the FSA soon.

### **After School Care**

Our After School Care runs until 5:15pm and I have been asked about extending it until 5:30pm. At the moment, unfortunately, the increase in cost of doing this does not match demand. However, if you would like After School Care until 5:30pm, then let me know and we will consider extending the time.

### **Parent Governor**

Following the request for nominations for a Parent Governor by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February one completed form was received. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that Steve Orton has been appointed. As there was only one candidate Mr Orton is appointed unopposed and no election is necessary.

### **Data Collection**

Thank you to those who have updated the personal data we hold on our school system. If you haven't yet done so please go to Google Play or Apple App store and search for SIMS Parent app and download it. You will then need to activate your account by simply clicking on the link in the activation e-mail which was sent out. Please note that your activation e-mail is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. It will expire after 14 days if it is not used. You will need to contact the School Office if you need the e-mail resending or if you need any help. It is very important that you do this, we need to have up to date contact and medical information should there be an emergency at school.

### **Dogs Trust**

Sarah Saunders from the Dogs Trust will be working with children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Year 3 and 4 will have a workshop about responsible dog ownership and Year 5 and 6 will learn about senses.

### **Boxing**

As part of our membership of the Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership, Mrs Bellamy has organised for a boxing coach to be in school on Monday lunchtimes for six weeks. It is called The Primary LADs project and targets Year 5 and 6 boys and aims to improve confidence, self-esteem and levels of participation in physical activity. The project will culminate at Harborough Leisure Centre on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March with a morning of activity.

Yours sincerely

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