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Dear Parents

Achievement Assembly

This month's Achievement Assembly will take place on Friday 25th January at 2.45pm. Refreshments will be available from 2:25pm and don't forget the cake raffle: 50p a ticket. The Achievement Cups will be awarded for 'Kindness, Consideration and Helpfulness' and children from Year 5 and 6 will be sharing some of their work.

Head Boys

Congratulations to Harry Panter and George Lee who have been chosen as our Head Boys for this term.

Cross Country

The next race will be on Thursday 14th February and there is another scheduled for Thursday 7th March. Let's hope the weather is kind and the events are able to take place.

Football Team

School Football Team Practice begins again on Wednesday 13th February after school until 4:15pm.

School Nurse

The School Nurse will be in school on Wednesday 6th February for a drop in session from 3pm. Just come to the School Office and the School Nurse will speak to you in private.

Winter Weather

If we have to close the school because staff have not been able to get to work, we will notify parents via text message, the school website and reports on BBC Radio Leicester (both through broadcasts and their website). When the weather is cold and wet the children must bring a warm, waterproof coat to school with them. Unless the weather is very, very wet, children will be outside at break and lunch time.

FSA

The next event is a Wine Tasting evening on Friday 25th January between 7:00pm and 10:00pm at Gumley Village Hall. Duncan Murray will be hosting and tickets are available from Charlotte Barker at a cost of £15. Any profits will go towards reducing the cost of the Year 5 and 6 trip to Madrid.

Change 4 Life

A booklet titled "The Adventures of in Sugar Smart World" has been sent home with each child. The aim is to reduce the amount of sugar children are eating and drinking as many are having twice as much sugar than they should. The booklet contains a map and stickers with activities to complete to save Sugar Smart World from the Sugar Cube Invaders. There is an app to download for free from Google Play or the App Store, which you can use to scan food and drink to find out how much sugar is in them.

International School Award

The British Council hosted a celebration in the Houses of Parliament to acknowledge the work of schools around the UK to foster an international dimension in their curricula. Mrs Hanger was in attendance and was presented with our International School Award certificate by Neil O'Brien MP, at the ceremony on 5th December 2018.

Consultation Launched on SEND Provision Proposals

Leicestershire County Council have launched a consultation on plans to invest up to £20m in developing new provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Leicestershire. To take part in the consultation, visit: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/send-consultation

The deadline for responses is Sunday 31st March.

Cricket

The children in Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 received a cricket themed lesson from a cricket instructor. This will be followed up after half term with weekly cricket coaching for those classes for six weeks.

Digital Parenting

The latest copy of Digital Parenting has been sent home and offers some great advice on how to get a 'digital-life' balance and about staying safe on-line. If you would like an additional copy there are some spares in the office, just ask.

P.E.

The children in all classes have P.E. outside in any weather; please ensure they have appropriate kit that will keep them warm and dry if it's raining.

Parents Evening

Appointment letters for Parents Evening have been sent home. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible so that appointments can be allocated. As always, if you need an alternative date please see the class teacher for a mutually convenient time. Due to an unforeseen circumstance Miss Joel has to move her Wednesday 30th January Parents Evening to Tuesday 29th January. If this causes any inconvenience please see Miss Joel and arrange a mutually suitable day and time.

Football Development Schools (FDS Football)

On Friday 18th January a coach from FDS worked with each class and was impressed with the children's skills. FDS are hoping to run an after school club, probably on Fridays, look out for details soon.

School Teams

Our School Council has decided that over the next few weeks there is going to be a football league between the Leopards, Jaguars, Tigers and Pumas. Team Leaders have selected their teams and have begun their training. Last year the Jaguars won, will they succeed again?

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires that we provide information to you on the personal data we hold and use. A privacy notice is one way of providing this information and this is available on our website: http://www.foxton.leics.sch.uk/about-us/privacy-notice.php or you can request a paper copy from our School Office. Soon you will be in total control of the personal data you provide to us as this will be done through a smart phone app.

Basketball Tournament

Our basketball team competed brilliantly at the tournament on Tuesday 22nd January at the Robert Smyth Academy, winning three games, drawing two and only losing one. Thank you to Igor for training and preparing the team so well. Congratulations to our team, who were: Aran R, Theo P, Ollie S, Charlie B, Billy R, Harry Y and Jamie L.

Badminton Competition

On Wednesday 23rd January four Year 6 children will be representing the school at a badminton doubles competition at Babington Academy, Strasbourg Drive in Beaumont Leys. Best wishes to Charlie B, Theo P, Ollie S and Billy R.

Castleton

The food menus have arrived! The meeting for parents and children is scheduled for after school on Wednesday 6th February in Year 3 and 4's classroom.

Lottery Grant

We have worked with Premier Sport to make an application to the National Lottery Awards for All and we have been successful. This means that we are able to replace some of the trim trail and path, work on this will begin as soon as possible.

The National Measurement Programme for Reception and Year 6

School nurses will be carrying out the height and weight checks on Monday 28th January.

Yours sincerely

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