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Dear Parents

Achievement Assembly

This month's Achievement Assembly will take place on Friday 31st 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 the Fox Cubs will be providing the entertainment.

Head Girl and Boy

Congratulations to Lily McCarthy-Jones and Reuben Marlow who have been chosen as our Head Girl and Head Boy for this term.

Cross Country

The next race will be on Tuesday 4th February. Let's hope the weather is kind and the event is able to take place.

Football Team

School Football Team Practice begins again on Wednesday 5th February after school until 4:15pm.

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.

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

Parents Evenings have taken place this week. As always, if you need an alternative date please see the class teacher for a mutually convenient time.

Questionnaire for Parents

Our School Governors value a Home – School partnership therefore, they would like to get your views on our school. The information will be used to inform the next school improvement plan. Questionnaires will be given out at Parents Evening and can be completed before you go home and posted in the collecting box. Otherwise please return the questionnaire to the school office by Friday 7th February.

Basketball Tournament

Our basketball team competed brilliantly at the tournament on Tuesday 21st January at the Robert Smyth Academy, winning all five games and only conceding one basket all tournament! Thank you to Igor for training and preparing the team so well and to Adam for accompanying and organising them. Their next game will be the area final on Tuesday 25th February at the Robert Smyth Academy between 3:45 and 5:30pm. Congratulations to our team, who were: Aran, Harry, Ellis, Mason, Toby, Jack, Alfie and Jamie.

May Bank Holiday

Please note the change of date for the May Day Bank holiday, the early May bank holiday will move from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8th May.

Badminton Competition

On Wednesday 22nd January six Year 6 children represented the school at a badminton doubles competition at Babington Academy, Strasbourg Drive in Beaumont Leys. Out of the sixteen pairs, Ray and Jamie came fifth, Aran and Alfie came second and Harry and Ellis came first. The final was extremely close with the score being 20:21. It is absolutely brilliant to have such talented children represent the school.

Internet Safety and Family Agreement

There are so many Internet connected devices on the market each with their own unique way of setting up parental controls and restrictions. Equally the functionality of these devices can have chat, game downloads, in-app purchases and third party apps on the devices. To find out how to set parental controls and restrictions; firstly, look up the device on YouTube using a simple 'how to' query, e.g. 'how to restrict in-app purchases on Playstation 4'. Secondly, Internet Matters have a one-stop shop for setting up devices which can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

There is some useful information for parents who may have children spending much time online and playing games but there has to be a balance between family and socialisation. Here's a link to a family agreement template from Childnet: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement>

Year 3 and 4 Homework

In addition to the topic project homeworks, MyMaths and Purple Mash children in Year 3 and 4 will now receive a piece of English homework to complete every two weeks.

The Black Hole Planetarium

The Black Hole Mobile Planetarium will be visiting our school on Thursday 30th January. Children in Year 3 and 4 will have a workshop about light to support their learning from their science lessons. Year 5 and 6 children will have a lesson titled Earth and Space.

New Teacher

Children in Year 5 and 6 will be having Mrs Hamlin working alongside Mr Fletcher and Mrs Frow for the next six weeks as part of her PGCE teacher training.

Loving Laughing

We have always known the children in our school to be funny and now they have the chance to find out how funny! The children in Year 5 and 6 have had two workshops where they have worked in groups to write and rehearse some comedy. On Wednesday 5th February the children will be going to The Y in Leicester to perform their comedy on stage at the Loving Laughing Showcase. There will be four other schools taking part and there will be three judges. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend due to the capacity of the theatre. However, they might be able to perform at a future Achievement Assembly.

Workshops

Following the successful World War Two workshops last term in Class 2, Mr Evans has organised another set of workshops this term. Some of them will have an Egyptian theme. These will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th February. If you would like more information or to help out, a letter is available from the school office.

School Gardening Event

Advanced notice for when the next whole school gardening event will take place, it will be on Friday 6th March between 1:30pm and 3:00pm. Mr Evans will be asking for volunteers to assist nearer the time.

Space Centre

On the Thursday 23rd January children in Year 1 and 2 had a very educational and enjoyable trip to the Space Centre in Leicester. They are now using a lot of what they found out in their classwork.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher