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Dear Parents

Achievement Assembly

The first Achievement Assembly of this academic year is on Friday 28th September. Achievement Cups for each year group will be presented for 'Rising to the Challenge'. The Achievement Assembly will start at 2:45pm in the School Hall and children from Year 3 and 4 will be talking about their class work. Refreshments will be available from 2:30pm. As usual the F.S.A. Cake Raffle will be happening, 50p per ticket.

International School Award

We are delighted that our international work has again been recognised and rewarded with our International School Award Re-Accreditation. We have been holders of the award since 2010 and we strive to raise the children's awareness of the World around them. Thank you to all who contribute to this and to Mrs Frow and Mrs Hanger for completing the application.

Homework

Fox Cubs – Every night the children are expected to read, to be read to and do other activities such as work from their phonics book to support their learning needs.

Year 1 & 2 – A minimum of 10 minutes reading per night. Spellings to learn will be sent out on a Friday and an informal assessment will take place on the following Friday. Learning Log activities to be completed every week are given on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday.

Year 3 & 4 – A piece of Maths homework (MyMaths) will be set on Fridays and is to be completed by the following Wednesday. On alternate Wednesdays topic homework to be returned from the list of tasks. Reading books are to be read every night. Spellings to learn are sent out weekly, tested on a Wednesday.

Year 5 & 6 – A MyMaths activity will be set on Fridays for online completion and an English task will also be given on Fridays to be returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be given out on a Friday to be tested on the following Friday. A topic related project will be set for completion during half term holidays.

Miss Mungovin

After a year working in our School Office Miss Mungovin's time with us is coming to an end. We will miss her and all wish her well with whatever she chooses to do in the future.

Applications for Fox Cubs 2019

If your child is due to start school for the Autumn Term 2019, i.e. they were born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, then applications are now be taken by Leicestershire County Council. The easiest way is to use the online form at the following website: <http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/primary-school-places>. Applications close in January 2019.

Governors

At our first full Governing Body meeting this term Mark Neale was re-elected as Chair and Julie McCarthy-Jones as Vice Chair. Messages for the Chair of Governors can be left in the School Office. E-mails for the governors can be sent to fgovernor@foxton.leics.sch.uk

Music Lessons

Years 3 and 4's ukulele lessons are now well underway and the children are welcome to take the instruments home to practice, please make sure they are back in school on Tuesday mornings for their lesson. Come along to see them perform on Tuesday 9th October and then again Tuesday 11th December from 9:00am in the hall.

Tag Rugby

Children from Year 2 and 3 have been invited to take part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Market Harborough Rugby Club on Thursday 27th September.

On Thursday mornings we are lucky that Leicester Tigers are providing some rugby coaching with our Year 3 and 4 children and there will a festival on Friday 2nd November.

Annual Calendar of Events

Our 'Yellow Calendar' has now been printed, if you haven't received a copy or would like an additional copy please feel free to ask. Some copies have the wrong date for when school starts back after Christmas for the children so to clarify it is Monday 7th January. Additionally, there is an achievement assembly on Friday 1st March not Friday 1st February.

Star of the Week

Each week, the teachers from each class will nominate their Star of the Week, this year we are looking for children who are using their 'Character Muscles'. As a reward these children will then have juice and cake in the afternoon.

Open Day

To publicise the work of our school we are having an 'Open Day' on Tuesday 6th November for prospective parents between 9:30-11.00am and 1:30-3:00pm. If you know of anyone who might be interested please let them know the details.

Dojo Points

We have revised our Dojo Points system. The children receive Dojo Points as positive feedback for their work and behaviour. Dojo Points will not be taken away. There is a secure website page which records the number of points each child has earned and a class total. Different targets operate in each class but once a class has reached their target the class receives Golden Time as soon as possible after the target is reached. As individuals the children will receive certificates for multiples of 50 Dojo Points earned and these will be presented in Achievement Assemblies.

Congratulations!

Charlie S and Mae M are Head Boy and Head Girl for the Autumn Term.

Charlie S, Ollie S, Theo P and Charlie B have been elected Team Leaders by the children in their teams. Isla R and Ruari T and have been elected onto the School Council by the children in Years 3 and 4. Daisy B and Olivia B-T have also been elected onto the School Council by the children in Years 1 and 2.

George L and Ollie S are our Junior Road Safety Officers for this academic year. They have already got a competition for the children – to create a banner designed to help raise awareness about road safety. This year's official Road Safety Week theme is Bike Smart which gives the children plenty of scope to come up with a great design. Entry forms have been given to those children wanting to take part and are to be returned to George or Ollie by Monday 8th October so they can be sent off.

Mae M, Theo P, Charlie B and Billy R are our Sports Ambassadors. They have started lunchtime activities sessions for children in Fox Cubs and Year 1 and 2.

Georgie B and Charlie S are our Eco Warriors. Look out for more from them soon.

George L, Ollie S and Charlie S are our Gardening Leaders.

Football

Due to Parents' Evening football training will not start until Wednesday 3rd October. This year football training is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. Children taking part in the Year 5 and 6 tournament on Tuesday 9th October will need to take their football kit to the leisure centre to change into after swimming. We will then walk around to the football pitches.

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Mr Fletcher will be available to see parents on the last Tuesday of every month from 8:45am until 9:30am, just drop in. Please make an appointment to see him at other times.

Halloween Disco

Our School Council have decided to organise a Halloween Disco, which will take place on Friday 26th October. Pre-School and Fox Cub children are welcome if an adult stays with them, between 5:30pm and 6:15pm. The disco will then be open to Key Stage One and Two children from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Further details nearer the time.

Pupil Premium

If you are eligible for Pupil Premium please apply for it as it brings benefits for the school and your child. For example, your child could benefit from: new learning activities and opportunities to widen their life experiences, one to one or small group sessions, before/after school clubs or activities, free school meals. You can apply if you receive one of these benefits:

- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with an annual income less than £7,400.

To apply for Pupil Premium please collect a form from Mrs Raymakers or from: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2018/8/24/APPLICATION-FOR-FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS-Aug-2018.pdf>

Yours sincerely

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