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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Sunday 28th September 11.00a.m. Year 6 meet for Kingswood, Year 6 residential. Abbey Site, depart at 11.30a.m.

Tuesday 30th September—3.20p.m.—4.00p.m. Class Castle (Mr Bates) and class Claudius (Miss Gammans) Open School—Town Site

Tuesday 7th October—Middle Phase (Year 2/3/4) trip to Stansted Mountfitchet

Thursday 9th October 9.00a.m.—10.30a.m. Open Morning. (Please come in to school and spend time in lessons around the school—refreshments at 9.00 in Abbey and Town Hall's)

Tuesday 21st October—Assessment Period One reports sent out to parents

Thursday 23rd October—Informal Parents Evening

Monday 27th—Friday 31st October—Half Term

Friday 19th December—Last day of Autumn Term

St Helena visit with Ms King



On Wednesday afternoon, Ms King, Headteacher of St Helena School came in to take an assembly with our year 5/6 children and Year 6 parents. Ms King spent time talking about St Helena School, the different experiences that children would have if they decided to go there, the various successes of the school and the schools exciting plans for the future. There was then an opportunity for the children to ask a myriad of questions—most of which centred around clubs and the different types of lessons. Ms King and the staff of St Helena extended an offer to all Year 6 parents and children, to come and have a look around the school in the next few weeks.

Abbey Fields Site

You will have noticed that the very front of the Abbey Fields site now looks significantly better as we have had a grass verge installed by the outer fence line. Work on moving the Foundation Stage fence has also started. This should make a significant difference from the middle of next week as we are having double gates installed for Foundation parents by the security camera column which should mean that the bottle neck with parents coming out from Foundation and with parents leaving the main playground is alleviated.

MDA Vacancies

We still have a couple of vacancies for Mid Day Assistants at our Abbey Fields Site. The position is for 1 hour 15 minutes daily, payable at £7.11p/h. The start time is 12.15p.m. If you are interested please pick up an application form from either of the two school offices.

Gazette

The Gazette have advised us that the 'New Starter' Reception Class' school photographs will appear in the Daily Gazette on Tuesday 30th September.

School Uniform

Please remember, that other than a few bits of previous stock, all school uniform is only available online at www.smartypantsschoolwear.com. If you choose the free delivery directly to the school, then the deliveries are made on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Please remember that the expectation is that children wear school uniform as described in the policy. **This includes P.E. and children should have their coloured team shirts—NOT white polo shirts.**

Cleaning Vacancy

We do still have a cleaning vacancy at the school. The position is for two hours daily from 3.00p.m.—5.00p.m. payable at £6.45 p/h. For an application form, please call into either of the school offices.

Newsletter Challenge

Another term, another challenge with the winning entry each week from each site getting to choose a free book. This terms challenge— Each week we will print a partial photograph of an object in the school. All the children have to do is say what the object is and where in the school the object is.

If you are on Town Site—answers to Mr. Bates door, If on Abbey Site— answers to Mrs Smiths door.



Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Petra Tompkins
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Kira Robinson
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Faisal Almuneef
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Phoebe Barratt
Lion Award (Dutch) - Leana Yasin
Sully Award (Mercury) - Tristan Williams
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Joshua Mann
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Evelyn Wilkinson
Bumble Award (Circus) - Isabella Castagnoli
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Abi-Evelyn Cronin
Mickey Award (Roses) - Daniel Caniparu
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Jed Lewis
Heads Award — Mercury
Spot—Seif Mahmoud
Attendance—Eagles/Claudius/Castle—100%

Fire Safety

Class Dutch had a visit from the Fire Department on Tuesday afternoon as they learnt about fire safety. They were shown a video of a fire and they had to spot the hazards and possible causes of fire. They learnt about the three golden rules if you spot a fire



- Get out
- Stay out
- Call 999

They also learnt that it was important to check the batteries of your smoke alarm every week.

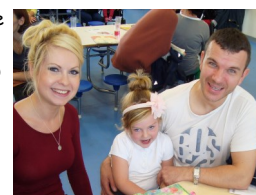
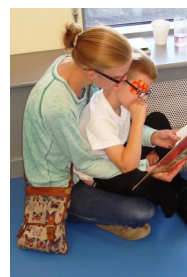
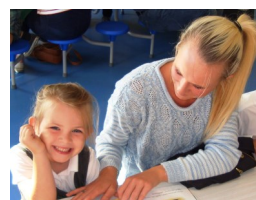


Macmillan Coffee Morning

This morning, our Year 1 children enjoyed a cake and a drink with their parents in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity. It was also a chance for parents and their children to share a story with each other. Parents very kindly donated money while enjoying the cakes on offer, which were made by the children yesterday afternoon. There were two competitions on offer, one of which was — guess how many hundreds and thousands on the cake, I

have no idea who actually counted them! The two competition winners were Thomas Philpin and Tierney-Rose Beattie.

Thank you to everyone who was able to pop along and share with their children.



And Finally...

I have not had the best of weeks with regards to my 'fixing' skills. At the beginning of the week, the hand wash dispenser had come loose. After repeated bangs and several wallops, I gave up and decided to create a large circle of Year 2 children in the dining hall to use the other dispenser—only for Mrs Blackery to mend it within about 10 seconds. On Wednesday, I managed to pull one of the filing trays totally out of its runners, that in itself wouldn't have been too bad if I hadn't then done exactly the same thing a further three times at which point Mrs Poole banished me from her office.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings