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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd September @ 3.00 p.m. (Abbey Site) - Foundation Parents meeting on how we teach phonics, (Letters and Sounds) - This is a repeat of the meeting we held this Thursday, there is no need for parents to come twice. Tea, coffee, biscuits.

Wednesday 24th September @ 2.30p.m.—St Helena Assembly (led by St Helena Staff) to Year 6 parents and children (Abbey Site)

Wednesday 24th September 3.15p.m.-4.15p.m. Open School. (Please come in to informally meet with the class teachers and have a look at your children's work)

Friday 26th @ 9.15a.m.-10.00a.m.—Year 1 parents 'Macmillan's Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning' Abbey Site

Friday 26th—Non Uniform Day—for children in Team Abbey only

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

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

NUTS

If I could please remind parents that we do have a number of children in the school who have severe nut allergies and for whom we hold epipens. Please could parents ensure that they do not send children into school with nuts or nut based snacks for either their snack, or as part of their packed lunch. Many thanks.

Travelling between the School Sites

We have been asked to remind all children and parents that, when travelling between the two school sites, it is important that everyone uses the correct paths as demarcated by the markings. If all children/parents could make sure they use the pedestrian half for walking and the cycling half for cycling—it would be very much appreciated.

Team Abbey—Non Uniform Day

As a reward for being the best Team at the end of last term, Team Abbey (Red) only have got a non uniform day next Friday 26th September. There is no charge for this. Please remember that it is for children in Team Abbey only and all other children need to wear school uniform as usual.

Swimming

Thank you to everyone who has already paid the swimming fees for this term. If you haven't yet paid please could you do so as soon as possible. As per the information we have sent out to you, which is on the school website, the cost is £2.75 a week and £33 for the term.

Step by Step

Starting next Thursday morning, 25th September, from 9.00a.m. until 11.00a.m. at the Abbey Site, Jan Langdon is running some activity mornings for parents to discuss/talk through ways in which we, as parents, can tackle and deal with those situations that sometimes we feel we're struggling with. There are six sessions in all, running every Thursday and they will cover topics such as budgeting, help with homework, behaviour.

Obviously there will be plenty of coffee/tea/biscuits on hand and we will also have a creche.

There is no charge for the above. Please look out for the information letter which will be sent home to all parents via pupil post.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Damia Ambrose

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Gus Birchmore

Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Jessica Johnston

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Wyatt Swain

Lion Award (Dutch) - Leo Morley-Robertson

Sully Award (Mercury) - Arhant Ghodeswar

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Harry Gillon

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Aimee Cohen

Bumble Award (Circus) - Tierney-Rose Beattie

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Kian Feasey

Mickey Award (Roses) - Aiden Vaughan

Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Mia-Rose Richardson

Heads Award — Oysters

Spot—Shay Gilbert

Reading Records

Many thanks to all those parents who have been reading with their children and recording it in the children's reading records. As we constantly mention, your children will succeed and have much better life chances and opportunities if we as parents take the time to sit and read with them.

Please do ensure you are reading with your children 5 x a week and recording it. We start our reading drawer in assemblies today, where every child who has read 5 x this week, will be entered into the draw against their class to get a free book. At the end of term we will also give a free book to every child in the class, for the class that has the best over all percentage of readers. Please also remember that on the school website under the 'Reading' section there are lots of links/ideas to support you at home.

Swimming

We are now in the second week of swimming for the KS2 children and like ducks to water, the children are finding their fins. Woggles and arm bands abound for our youngest KS2 children as they begin to develop this key life skill. The children embed so many of our 'Core Values' when they swim and you can see from their faces—how much the children are enjoying themselves, persevering and trying their best.



Wiggly Worms

Class Mercury had a rather brilliant literacy lesson today based on the Roald Dahl book, The Twits. The order of the day was to make edible wiggly worms, to which they then had to write very clear instructions. They are presently in the fridge cooling—which is exactly where I'm going now....



And Finally...

Mrs Parker-Nicholls has been having a few issues with keys over the last week or so. So excited was she, about having a new filing cabinet at the Abbey site, that she managed to lose one key and lock the other one in the cabinet within about an hour of having it. To compound this, having left work the other day—it wasn't until she was half way home that she realised that her door key was still at school.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings