



Dear Parents,

Welcome back- it's hard to believe it's the last half term of the school year already but here we are!

### Well done Hats and Lola!

On Thursday Harriet and Lola led an assembly and a session in each class to raise knowledge and awareness for blood cancer day. Class 1 were busy creating 'Get Well Soon' cards that will be sent to children in hospital at the moment, Class 2 created an excellent red blood cell with moving limbs and Class 3 learnt about and depicted the bone marrow in our bones.

A big 'Well Done' to Hats and Lola on such a successful day. They had prepared all their resources brilliantly and led the activities with confidence and the children and staff learnt a lot from each session. Hats was busy all over half term preparing her lesson plans just like the teachers do with Learning Objectives and Success Criteria; very impressive!! Hopefully one day, I'll be able to employ her as a new teacher!!

So far, £120 was raised at their bake sale towards Cancer Research, with more money coming in. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this worthy cause. See the website for some more information and photos.

### Life Education Centre Visit

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, we will be having a return visit from the Life Education Centre which reinforces the work carried out in class linked to Drugs Resistance Education. There is an opportunity for you to visit the centre in their 'bus' at 8.40-8.55am so you can find out about the above themes and experience the Centre first hand. Sessions focus on raising a positive self-image so that they are confident enough to make sensible choices as they go through life, with lots of biology helping them to learn how bad choices can affect their major organs. I'm sure Harold the giraffe will also return!

### Book Fair

Many thanks to those of you that have been able to support the book fair this week. We have, as of this morning, almost reached our target of £400 and the children will be helping us on Monday to select the free books that the school is able to receive. A big 'well done' to our book fair monitors this year (Rachel, Issy, Felix, Selena, Kellan, Hannah and Lily BC) who have done an excellent job- we have had many comments from parents to say what a great job they have done too! Your last chance to purchase books is on Monday after school!

### FINS

Please return any sponsor money by Monday as we need to send this off. Again thank you for supporting this worthy charity.

### Multi Skills for Years 1 and 2

We will be taking our Year 1 and 2 children to the Vale Multi Skills event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure the children have the correct PE kit for the day and any appropriate extras depending on the weather we have on the day! Letters in bags today.

### Basketball Winners

Well done to our Y4/5 basketball teams who claimed third and first in our recent tournament against Vale schools. Thanks to Mr Wing for organising.

### School photos

Fuji Photos will be returning to school to take our school photos on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> next week- fingers crossed we have the right weather this time! Please ensure all the children have the correct uniform for the day including jumpers, cardigans or fleeces.

### New Appointment

I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have successfully appointed a new senior teacher to begin work with us at the end of August. Miss Hollie Geeson is an experienced teacher who was raised and still lives in The Vale so has an excellent understanding of community life. She is due to make several visits before the end of term in order to meet the staff and children properly and to begin planning for the autumn term. She will also join staff and governors when we have our annual School Improvement Plan meeting, where we agree the priorities for the forthcoming year.

### Class Structure

We are expecting a good intake in September (13 at the moment) but numbers will still be below 25 so I have decided to keep the structure the same as this will work best for the children:

Class 1: Reception and Y1 with Mr Williams

Class 2: Y2&3 with Mrs Copeland

Class 3: Y4,5,&6 with Miss Geeson and Mrs Longden

### Panto

Rehearsals are well under way but please help your child now to memorise their lines. Sue Headland and her trusty helpers are working incredibly hard on the costumes. Please refer to the costume requirements that we will need you to help us with that were sent out before the holiday; we can't do it all by ourselves! Costumes needed by June 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has a clothes rail that we could borrow, please could you bring it into school on Monday or next week, as costumes are starting to be gathered. Thank you.

Lots of village fetes on this weekend including Harby and Waltham; let's hope the rain stays off!!

Yours sincerely, Mrs Hopkins

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