

Dear Parents,

Gymnastics Team

Congratulations to our gymnastics team, who attended the competition at Longfield Academy this week; Holly, Lauren, Grace and Lilly Christou. They all performed brilliantly and showed fantastic team work, attitude and determination. We are all very proud of you!

News from Classrooms:

Class 1: This week in Class 1 the children have been looking at the days of the week, learning about pancake day (and trying some!) and reading the Hungry Caterpillar.

Class 2: This week Class 2 enjoyed activities during 'Space Day'. They created emotion graphs based on a piece of music and watched the film 'The Lucky Dip' linked to literacy.

Class 3: In Class 3 this week the children have been looking at 3-D simulation and 2-D designs. They made space crafts in junk modelling and made pancakes. In literacy they created space poems inspired by music.

Year 6 Parents Evenings

Slips with times for Y6 parents evening are going home today.

Thank You.

Thank you to Mr Murray (Isla and James' Dad) who came into school on Thursday to help with the 'Space Day'.

Violins

As swimming starts again after half term, violin lessons will now be on Wednesday afternoons.

Letters are going home today to all Year 2 children offering them the opportunity to have some taster violin lessons, supported by Viking Challenge funds.

Checking Uniforms

As we still have a number of missing uniform items, please can you check again that the items of uniform your child has brought home are in fact their own and if not return to school so we can get them to the correct child. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Our updated DRAFT anti-bullying policy will be going onto our website very shortly for you to review. If you have any comments, please send them through to the school office.



Swimming

A reminder that swimming starts again on Thursday 25th February for children in Years 1, 3, 4 & 5. At the current time we have only had 2 offers of help, and with 12 swimming sessions for this group of children we really need more volunteers. If you think you may be able to help, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Viking Challenge Presentation

Unfortunately it has been necessary to alter the date of the Viking Challenge cheque presentation which will take place at **9.30am on Friday 18th March**, straight after special assembly. Everyone welcome. The fitness instructor has been informed.

Letter Reminders

Please can you remember to return the following letters to school after half term: data collection sheets, swimming permissions, summer club questionnaire and slips to register interest in an extra early morning sports club. Thank you.

Friday P.E.

Some Year 6 pupils have requested that everyone is allowed to come to school on Fridays wearing their PE kit, as this will enable them to have a longer PE lesson. Staff and I agree that this is a good idea, although children MUST have a change of footwear for use in the hall, so children suggest they wear their school shoes and change in to their trainers. Please do not be persuaded to buy an extra pair of trainers!!

Itchy Feet!

After her exciting travels last summer, Miss Bellamy has taken the plunge and decided to jet off in to the rising sun in Thailand! She has been successful at interview and will be joining an international school in the autumn term. We are all really sad at the thought of losing her, but it is clearly an opportunity for her not to miss and she has promised to create links between our schools, so she will still feel part of our team. I also feel a holiday coming on!! The governors and I will be looking to recruit a new member of staff for September and so I shall keep you informed in due course.

We also bid farewell to Mr Ryder, who completes his work experience with us today, in order to focus on his studies. We all wish him every success for the future.

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Beautiful Prayers

We have had some beautiful prayers in Class 2 this week; here are 2 of them:

Love is By Jonas Class 2

Love is animals all different kinds.
Love is the world.
Love is plants and trees.
Love is everywhere and so high up in the sky and also in space.
Love is in your heart.
Love is pets, friends and family.
Love is on all planets.
Love is in a deep puddle.
Love never stops and it can't get blocked from your heart
Everyone has love somewhere
Love is a tear coming out of a cloud
Love has a big heart stored up for new things coming soon
Love is stored up high in the sky
Love is invisible
Love can fly everywhere and can jump into your heart
Love is the centre of the earth
Love gets picked up in the air
Love can appear from nowhere
Love, none knows where it was made
Love was here for ever
Love is air through the sky, love is clean



Love Poem by Esme Class 2

If I had a flower
For every time you made me laugh
I'd have a garden to walk in forever

If I had a penny
For every time you made me smile
I'd be the richest person in the world

If I had a grain of sand
For every time you liked me
I'd have my own beach to walk on

If you gave me a penny
I would play games
And win a toy for you and me

Happy Valentine's Day.

Enjoy the half term holiday. School re-opens on Monday 22nd February.

Yours sincerely,

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