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Dear Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. We are now starting the second half of the spring term and the children have come back to school after the half term break the superstars that we know they are! I am delighted to have had a whole school assembly on the first day back and we held our first Golden Time assembly last week for nearly two years! It was wonderful us all being in the school hall again together.

It was also lovely to finally have parents back into school for parents evening. Thank you to everyone who attended.

As I write this I am conscious of the world faces uncertain times. We know there are people in our local community who are from Ukraine or have friends and family there. The pain and anxiety they will be feeling at the invasion of their country is shared by all of us. I would like to take this opportunity to say that we are thinking of them and sending our love and support.

Children have been given the opportunity to ask questions and share any worries they may have during PHSE circle time sessions. We are very aware our children are young and have addressed this in a very age appropriate and sensitive manner.

Please also look on our school <u>website</u> for resources about how to support your child if they are worried or anxious. We have also added onto the website the Red Cross link for families wishing to donate.

I hope for peace and an end to the violence.

Mrs Abbott Headteacher

> Our school is assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to help them recruit for Walking Instructors, as part of their new Walking Training programme for primary schools.

Please see the attached word document for more information.



Upcoming Events...

W/C 7th March Science Week inc. Genie Lab Assembly

Tuesday 8th March Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 15th March Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 16th March Finance Governors Meeting

Tuesday 22nd March Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 25th March Celebrate Someone Special Day Timings TBC

Friday 1st April End of Term at 13.30

Tuesday 19th April
INSET DAY

Wednesday 20th April Children return to school

Reminder...

If you pay for your child to have milk please check with them if they want to continue as are seeing a lot of milk wastage.

What's going on in school...

Year 1 – Construction Day

This half term Year 1 will be exploring the topic I'll Huff and I'll Puff.

To get them really immersed in the topic they had a construction day. We had hard hats and high vis vests galore as they built things out of wood, straw and bricks.







Our DRESS TO EXPRESS day!



Our dress to express day was a great success. The school was a riot of colour and there were happy faces beaming from every corner. Over the term we have been thinking about our own well-being and mental health.

Good mental health allows children to think clearly, develop socially and learn new skills. Additionally, good friends and encouraging words from adults are all important for helping children develop self-confidence, high self-esteem, and a healthy emotional outlook on life.

Wellbeing Award



This year we have been working towards our Wellbeing Award. Over this time we have had a whole school focus on ensuring effective practice and provision is in place that promotes the emotional wellbeing and mental health of both staff and pupils. The award has a focus on changing the long-term culture of a school, and embedding an ethos where mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all.

Things we have been working on this term:

- Developing pupil's emotions language linked to zones of regulation.
- Re writing our behaviour policy so that it has a more restorative approach.
- Promoting positive mental health across the school.
- Improving the emotional wellbeing of staff and pupils.
- Ensuring any mental health problems are identified early and appropriate support is provided.
- Mrs Abbott and Mrs Clare are now trained as mental health first aiders.

Safeguarding...

Please help us protect your children by putting away mobile phones when entering the school premises (including the playground).

Please also ensure that your child remains close to you when coming to or leaving school. Cars can come down Moss Lane very quickly and we would hate for anyone to get hurt.

Please ensure that you do not park outside the school gates <u>at</u> any time.

Living with Covid...

From Thursday 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive Covid-19 test result.

The DfE and Surrey County Council have advised schools that adults and children who do test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. It is our understanding that free PCR and LFT testing will remain in place until the end of March.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring the continuation of education for our pupils and protecting the safety of our school community at this time.

World Book day

We have had a brilliant World Book Day and it was fantastic to see the range characters. Children were able to enjoy each other's costumes during assembly. The children enjoyed a range of book related activities; designing front covers, making a zig-zag book and enjoying a lot of stories! We were delighted to receive lots of entries for our 'I am A Reader' competition. Staff had difficult decisions to make when selecting just one winner from each year group. Prizes were awarded to those children who had put in a fabulous, independent effort and eye catching design.

Best Homemade Costume Winner....

Ray the saucepan man from The Far Away Tree.

I am a Reader winners:

Year R – Edward Year 1 – Ivy Year 2 - Isabelle





Don't forget to check out your class pages for more pictures.



