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RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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Newsletter ~ 13th October 2023

Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was **96.7%**.

The classes with the winning attendance were Doves and Falcons.

Congratulations to Rocco Garner (Doves) and Fletcher Brook (Starlings) for winning the £5.00 gift cards for having 100% for a whole week.

Owlets Class Attendance for last week = 96.1%
Penguins Class Attendance for last week = 96.8%
Firecrests Class Attendance for last week = 97.2%
Parakeets Class Attendance for last week = 96.4%
Doves Class Attendance for last week = 100%
Starlings Class Attendance for last week = 93.1%
Falcons Class Attendance for last week = 100%
Ravens Class Attendance for last week = 95%

The national average for attendance is **96%**; if a child isn't at school this **will** negatively affect their academic progress and their relationships with other children.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will win a £5.00 gift card.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each half-term will win a £10 gift card.

At the end of the school year, one child with 100% attendance will win a £20.00 gift card.

Our Stars of the Week

Owlets Class Stars = Payton Gorvett and Chello-Maria Ford /
Paige Thomas and Leonard Sherraton

Penguins Class Stars=Evelyn Thompson and
Jack Briston / Benjamin Munteanu and Harry Kewell

Firecrests Class Stars = Shane Webb and Scarlett Sherraton
/ Adele Vainaviciute and Jaxson Meen

Parakeets Class Stars = Scarlett Clark and Millie Hardy /
Kaleb Pinner and Oliver Parlour

Doves Class Stars=Artur Majchrzak and Vilte Andruskeviciute
/ Heaven-Rose Meen and Lenny Crane

Starlings Class Stars=Jacob Hardy and Yazmin White /
Alfie Morris and Penelope Sims

Falcons Class Stars = Piotrek Klasztor and Joana Graca /
Miszel Trybula and Shakid Kajanesan

Ravens Class Stars = Penny Wagg and Evie Carrick /
Scarlett Wardley-Mitson and Dylan Jeffrey

Star of the Week certificates are awarded for exemplifying our Core Values (Respect, Resilience and Teamwork) and for showing excellent Behaviours for Learning.





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Message from Miss McCarthy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Cafes and Sharing Assemblies...please keep an eye on our 'Dates for your Diaries' for other events during the rest of the Autumn Term.

Use of phones on the school site:

A little reminder to everyone that mobile phones should not be used for any purpose whilst on our site. If you need to make an urgent phone call, or send a message, or you need to answer your phone, then please let a member of staff know and we'll find somewhere safe for you to do this.

Dropping off and picking up:

We know that the pathway behind the KS1 classrooms can become very crowded at the beginning and end of the school day – please consider those around you, and if you need to, please stand to one side so that the traffic can continue to flow.

School Uniform:

A repeat of the information contained in our last newsletter, as our staff team believe that some of our parents and children may have missed this...

It's great to see so many of our children looking so smart in their school uniforms. Just a reminder that it's important for all of the children to feel comfortable and to be dressed appropriately ~ I know that our Year Six team have spoken to the girls (several times now) about the lengths of some of their skirts...they need to be able to sit on the floor during assembly (as some of our staff often do) with their legs crossed. I'm aware that some girls wear shorts under their skirts, but I'm afraid that wearing shorts under skirts isn't an option within our school uniform...in the warm weather it's not very healthy and hygienic (especially given the ages and development of some of the girls), and in the cold weather the girls are going to end up wearing tights, shorts and skirts.

Please remember that girls have the options of wearing shorts, skorts, trousers...or (longer) skirts; thank you to all of the girls who already do this.

As always, many thanks for all of your support and encouragement; please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office with any questions or concerns.

All best wishes,

Miss M 😊

YEAR SIX TRIP:

On Thursday 28th September, Year 6 were invited to take part in the National Manufacturing Day by Breckland Council. We visited '**Peerless Plastics and Coatings**' on Howlett Way in Thetford before going to complete more activities at the Charles Burrell Centre.



At the factory we were shown around by Mr Llewellyn-Stamp, the Managing Director. He explained the various processes the pieces of plastic they work with go through. An interesting fact we learned is that every Boeing plane with glow-in-the-dark strips on the floor has a connection to Thetford. All those strips are coated in Peerless Plastics and Coatings' factory!

When we entered the part of the factory that deals with the finishing touches, we had to wear hairnets. This was because of the amount of static electricity in this area, and to alleviate the likelihood of hairs getting drawn to the wet plastic coatings.



Boniface Engineering, Baxter's Healthcare and West Suffolk College were all at the Charles Burrell Centre, and we got to take part in two of the three activities on offer. The representative from Boniface Engineering explained about all the processes their engineers go through when designing and building



low-loader lorries and trucks, while Baxter's Healthcare had us dressing up in protective gear. West Suffolk College spoke to us about the processes a tin of beans goes through. We discovered the strongest shape is a sphere, but spherical tins would not be very good for transportation which is why cylindrical tins are used. The ridges in the tins give more strength to the shape.

It was an informative morning out, and we hope Breckland Council give us the opportunity to join in with National Manufacturing Day next year.

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Year 6 Team



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Dates for your Diaries:

October:

Monday 16 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.
Tuesday 17 th	3.30pm: Halloween Escape Room.
Thursday 19 th	4.45pm – 5.45pm: EYFS & KS1 UV Disco; 6pm – 7pm: KS2 UV Disco.
Friday 20 th	Non-Uniform Day – Wear Something Colourful (£1 donation); 9am: Parakeets Sharing Assembly (Y3); 2.45pm: Owlets Sharing Assembly (EYFS).

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October is the Autumn Term Holiday.

Monday 30 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.
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November:

Monday 6 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2pm: Parent Café for Parakeets Class (Y3); 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.
Tuesday 7 th	2pm: Parent Café for Firecrests Class (Y2).
Monday 13 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2pm: Parent Café for Penguins Class (Y1); 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.
Tuesday 14 th	2pm: Parent Café for Doves Class (Y4).
Friday 17 th	9am: Falcons Sharing Assembly (Y6).
Monday 20 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2pm: Parent Café for Starlings Class (Y5); 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.
Tuesday 21 st	2pm: Parent Café for Owlets Class (EYFS).



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Thursday 23rd 2.15pm: Coffee and cake, and a catch-up with Mrs. McCaghrey (our SENCo)...all parents and carers of children who are on our Special Needs register, or who have concerns that their child may have a Special Educational Need, are very welcome to join us at this event.

Friday 24th 9am: Ravens Sharing Assembly (Y6).

Monday 27th Autumn Term Interim Reports go out today;
9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly;
2pm: Parent Café for Ravens Class (Y4);
2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.

Tuesday 28th 2pm: Parents' Café for Falcons Class (Y6);
3.30pm: Parents' Evening.

Thursday 30th 4pm: Parents' Evening.

December:

Friday 1st 9am: Starlings Sharing Assembly (Y5);
2.45pm: Firecrests Sharing Assembly (Y2).

Monday 4th 9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly;
2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.

Friday 8th 9am: Doves Class Sharing Assembly (Y4);
2.45pm: Penguins Class Sharing Assembly (Y1).

Monday 11th 9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly;
2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.

Friday 15th 9am: Parakeets Sharing Assembly (Y3);
2.45pm: Owlets Sharing Assembly (EYFS).

Monday 18th 9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly;
2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.

The school will be closed from Thursday 21st December until Thursday 4th January for the Christmas Holiday (3.01.23 will be a staff training day).

We will see all children back in school between 8.40am and 8.50am on Thursday 4th January 2023