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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all of your support during this extremely busy term. It is our greatest privilege to work with your children and share in their learning journeys. Their care, wellbeing, learning and enjoyment of school are at the heart of our curriculum and decision making and I am extremely proud of them and the staff for their hard work this term.

Parent Workshops

These have been planned and delivered to a very high standard and the recordings can be accessed on our website, where we have created a one stop shop of learning support for parents. Thanks to those of you who attended and the staff for planning and delivering such high-quality resources. Our workshops will continue in Term 2.

- 2nd November 6.00pm (Teams) Maths Information Session
- 8th November 9.15am (In School) SEND Information Session

Anti-Bullying Week 14th – 18th November

I have really enjoyed getting to know the new anti-bullying ambassadors and after their training session, one of our most important jobs has been to plan Anti-Bullying Week.

Our key stage 2 classes will enjoy a phase assembly and class workshops lead by experts from Unique Voice. We are very grateful to our Friends of School who have funded these important learning opportunities.

A timetable will be sent out after half term.

Black History Month

Celebrating diversity in all its forms and teaching our children to respect each other's differences and their own uniqueness remains as important as ever. In school we have enjoyed a number of assemblies to recognise this and enjoyed learning about the Empire Windrush, the challenges the Windrush Generation faced and the significant contribution they have made to society.

Over the half-term break we would like to invite children from Year 2 to Year 6 to write a one page biography, including a picture, of a British Black History icon they have researched. Every entry will receive 10 house points for their house and there will be winners selected from each year group. The entries will be put on display in the school.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings return in term 2 and we are delighted to share that these will be held in person, back in school on Thursday 17th November and Tuesday 22nd November. Details on how to book will be sent out next term.

In order to facilitate an effective evening all parents will be asked to arrive on time and everyone will be held strictly to 10-minute appointments, whether you book the first appointment or the last. We will be joined on both evenings by school governors.

INSET

Monday the 31st of October is an INSET Day and the school is closed to children. Teaching staff are working with staff across the LSP as we continue to develop our curriculum content. Support staff will be taking part in first aid training and SEND work.

Friends Of School

We are really lucky to have such a fantastic FOS team who help fundraise for the school and create amazing opportunities for children and families to have fun. At the most challenging points in the pandemic they continued to make a difference to the school community and their kindness and thoughtfulness made a real difference to the wellbeing of our staff and stakeholders.

Many of you will have enjoyed the Family Bingo and Pumpkin Sale this term. As well as Anti-Bullying workshops about to happen they have already funded the Year 6 Lifeskills visit.

As well as enjoying their Halloween Scarecrow Trail over the half-term break, I hope that more of you will find it in yourselves to volunteer to support their events over the coming year. It is cliché, but many hands make light work. You will also find that it is great fun and extremely rewarding. I look forward to meeting some new faces at the AGM and seeing a filled hall at the School Quiz.

- 11th November FOS Quiz Night
- 21st November FOS AGM 6.30pm
- 25th, 30th November and 2nd December – FOS Wreathmaking
- 3rd December – FOS Christmas Fair

Eating Disorder Awareness and Support

Tomorrow, I will be running a 50-mile circumnavigation of the Gower Peninsular. In light of the cost of living crisis, I am not raising funds through sponsorship but instead ask that you share a link to [BEAT](#), the UK eating disorder charity, on your social media for one day to raise awareness and show support to those families affected.

Attendance

We would like everyone to focus on improving punctuality and would like to take this opportunity to remind you that family holidays should be taken in the school holidays. There is a clear correlation between missed school and the achievement of pupils.

Thank You

Thanks to all of our staff, governors and colleagues that work with us who have made this such a successful first term in 22/23. We are extremely grateful for your support with the education and wellbeing of your children. You should all be very proud of the learning and growing maturity that we have seen this term

Have a great half term break and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday the 1st of November.

Kind regards,

Richard Riordan
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