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Dear Parents/Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to send out my first Newsletter as the Acting Head Teacher of our school. I would like to thank you for all of your kind comments and support. I hope that the children enjoyed the sunshine during the Easter break and hopefully the good weather will continue throughout the summer. As always, the children have come back to a new term at school with a real hunger to learn, which is wonderful as we are very proud of the learning ethos within our school. Each class has lots of exciting learning lined up. You should have already received a letter from your class teacher/s about the term ahead. There is also information about their learning on our website if you have somehow missed the letter.

Attendance

100% attendance certificates will be given out this week - well done to everyone who has received one. Attendance and punctuality is absolutely crucial to pupil progress as I am sure you all know. Last term, whole school attendance was 96.6%, which is good. Class figures are below - a huge congratulations to Year 1 again, who have the highest score of 97.3%! That is two terms in a row!

Reception - 96.5%

Y1 - 97.3%

Y2 - 97.1%

Y3 - 97%

Y4 - 95.7%

Y5 - 96.5%

Y6 - 95.8%

Welcome back Miss McArdle

It is great to have Miss McArdle back in school! She has returned from her maternity cover to teach in Year 4.



Easter Celebration

Thank you for supporting our Easter Celebration. I am sure that you will agree that the quality of the readings from our children were outstanding. The standard of the poetry, research and writing was a credit to them. As always the children sang like larks and it was a real treat to see the enjoyment on their faces. We would also like to thank Rev Bill Anderson for joining us and helping us to celebrate this important event in the Christian calendar.

Also, a big thank you from our School Council as donations from the Easter Celebration raised £90.00 towards their Shelter Box campaign!

Shelter Box update

Which leads me nicely to giving you a quick update on our Shelter Box fundraising. I am sure you are all aware that our children were audience to an assembly by the Rotary, explaining the benefits of Shelter Boxes as immediate relief in disaster zones around the world. This is all the more pertinent when considering what is happening in Nepal at the moment. The School Council were so impressed that they decided to make this their own personal charitable campaign for the year and made a target of raising £600 to fund 1 shelter box. I am pleased to report that they are nearly there! The School Council have raised nearly £500 to date. I am sure that you will applaud this example of children taking personal responsibility to support others less fortunate than themselves.



Year 6 Sats

During this half term our year 6 children will have the opportunity of celebrating their learning. Week beginning the 11/05/15 is the week where year 6 children throughout the country sit their SAT exams. It is a credit to the children and the staff how the children have prepared for this week. They have visibly grown in confidence, determination and self-belief. I am sure that they will do themselves proud.

Polling Day

Just a quick reminder that the school will be closed on May 7th for the General Election polling day. Whilst the school will be closed, this is an Inset day for the staff and, as such, will be allocated towards the 5 Inset days that the school has each year.



Cross Country

The school hosted an Alsager Community Trust Cross Country race last Thursday which was a great success. A big thank you to Mr Hancock for his support, organising the course and helping teachers with the proceedings. Despite the weather being so warm, the children ran extremely hard and there were lots of pink faces and puffed out cheeks at the end. We hope to have the results soon.

School Website

We continue to develop our school website and use it as a way of connecting with all stakeholders. As I am sure you will know children have been merrily blogging away at various subjects for a while. Each half term, the class teacher will set an open question related to their class topic for the children to take up and discuss. You will now be able to access these blogs on the school website. E-safety is a priority within our school and as such children are regularly reminded of the safety measure that they should take online. Can you please ensure that children never put their full name on any blog or web based comment?



Outdoor Environment

The summer is finally here and the sun is shining. Whilst children are welcome to play on the appropriate school climbing frames, can parents please ensure that the children do not climb trees, fences and hedges at the beginning and end of school. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

And Finally...

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all of the staff to thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill, Acting Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

20/4/15 SCHOOL OPENS
29/4/15 FOE Fashion show
5-6/5/15 Y4 residential visit to Standon Bowers
6/5/15 Reception to Stockley farm - details to follow
7/5/15 Polling Day - School closed (included in annual requirement of 190 days children/ 195 days teachers)
11/5/15 Y6 SATS week
20/5/15 Governors - community 5.30pm
21/5/15 Reception class assembly
22/5/15 SCHOOL CLOSES

1/6/15 SCHOOL OPENS
3/6/15 Governors meeting - Teaching and learning 5.30pm
8/6/15 FOE meeting @ The Manor 7.30pm
12/6/15 Y3 class assembly
13/6/15 Alsager carnival
15/6/15 Y1 Phonics screening week
23/6/15 Life Education Van arrives
29/6/15 SPORTS WEEK
29/6/15 Interschool athletics @ Highfields 5.30pm
1/7/15 Governors meeting - Strategic leadership 5.30pm
8/7/15 Full Governors meeting 5pm
10/7/15 End of term reports
10/7/15 FOE Summer Fair
15 & 16/7/15 Y5 Bikeability
17/7/15 SCHOOL CLOSES