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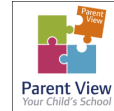
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Dear Parents and Children

I can't believe we are already half way through this half term. I don't know where the time goes. The children know that this is one of my favourite terms as we get so much learning done!

Firstly, a huge thank you from the staff for the kindness so many of you showed in giving gifts at Christmas. It really is so very kind of you. Some of the boxes of chocolates and biscuits were squirreled away and are making a welcome appearance in the staff room throughout January!

At the beginning of this term we welcomed Miss Metcalf into Acorn Class. She has a wealth of experience in Early Years and is a fantastic addition to our team. Many thanks to Mr Seddon who stepped into the breach so brilliantly until Miss Metcalf could start.

As part of our 50th birthday celebrations, the PTA kindly bought a tree for each class to signify their name. We had to wait until the optimum planting time to ensure that the trees would thrive. They were planted by a team from Myerscough a couple of weeks ago, ably assisted by some members of gardening club. They can be found in the patch of field behind the boiler house and will serve as a reminder of our birthday for many years to come.

As ever, we thank you for your continued support. Please remember that we operate an open door policy and staff are available at the end of the day for a quick chat. A member of the Senior Leadership Team is on the playground each morning for any worries you may have. A problem (quickly) shared is a problem halved!!

Stephanie Reeves
Headteacher

Water Aid

A group of 8 children from Oak Class decided that they would like to raise money for Water Aid by holding a stall. They chose Water Aid, because they felt there were lots of charity shops on the High Street but Water Aid didn't have a presence and they worried about how the charity was supported. They worked hard to make and gather items to sell on their stall. So far they have raised an amazing £210. We are so incredibly proud of them!



World Book Day

World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March this year and we are once again inviting children to 'Dress as an Adjective' for the day!

They could come as the colour blue, the feeling happy, a historic period, scientific, clumsy...the list is endless. We had some really imaginative outfits last year and look forward to seeing what the children think of this year!

School Activities and Achievements

Rowan Class are currently receiving dance input from Blue Moose Dance, in order to take part in a show at the Marine Hall. They are basing their dance on the book 'Aliens Love Underpants'. They will perform their dance alongside other schools at the Marine Hall in March. We can't wait to see it!

Maple Class are taking swimming lessons at Garstang Pool this term and have made an excellent start. In fact on their first week, Mags, their teacher, marvelled at what a lovely class they were! Well done Maple Class!

Clubs running this term include Archery, Dodgeball and Singing—the children are having a great time.

Oak Class are undertaking the Healthy Heads programme this term—ensuring they keep both their bodies and minds healthy by keeping active and thinking positively.

Ash Class have begun their Judo lessons—they look so professional in their little judo suits, and they have no fear!

Ash Class also spent a day being archaeologists to support their Stone Age topic. They learnt how to gather evidence from artefacts and picked up some great skills.

Diary

January

- 28th Oak Class to GCA for Maths Challenge
- 29th Acorn Class to Booths
- 30th Singing Club to Young Voices
- 30th Sportshall Athletics Heats in Blackpool
- 31st Interim Reports home

February

- 6th Low Mood and Anxiety Parental Workshop 6:00—7:30
- 11th Rowan Class Dress up Day
- Beech Class trip to Imperial War Museum
- 13th Willow Class Assembly 9:15 am
- 14th Half Term
- 24th School opens

March

- 5th World Book Day—Dress up as an adjective
- 11th PTA Disco
- 18th Class Photos
- 27th Easter Bingo
- 31st Parents' Evening

April

- 2nd Rowan Assembly 9:15am
- Parents' Evening
- 3rd Break up for Easter



April cont..

- 20th School opens

May

KS1 (Willow Class) SATs will take place during this month

- 8th May Day Holiday (FRIDAY!!)
- 11th KS2 SATs begin
- 14th KS2 SATs end
- 18th School Assessment Week
- 21st School closes (THURSDAY!)

June

- 2nd School opens (TUESDAY!)
- 8th Y1 Phonics (Rowan) this week
- 9th Ash Class Assembly 9:15am
- 11th Oak Class to Lancaster University
- 17th Sports Morning and picnic
- 19th Acorn Class Assembly 9:15 am
- 24th Ash Class trip to Footprint

July

- 6th Oak Class Performance 7pm
- 7th Oak Class Performance 7pm
- 8th PTA Discos
- 9th Reports home
- 14th Maple Class Brass Performance 2:30pm
- 17th Oak Class Assembly 9:15am
- School closes for summer

