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Term 4 Newsletter- March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! We have come to the end of another term already and, again, what a fun-filled and action-packed term it has been:

School of Rock:

On 6th March, our school choir participated in the NMPAT and InMAT Big Sing 'School of Rock' at Royal and Derngate. Those children who participated were an absolute credit to our school and demonstrated BEST throughout the whole day. Thank you to all of you who came along to support us and a huge thank you to Mrs Bethell who devoted lots of her own time to ensuring our school could participate. Thank you to Miss Hives and Miss Patterson who also came along and rocked it out!!



Red Nose day:

On March 17th, the whole school supported Red Nose Day and helped to raise over £400. It was wonderful to see the effort made by all our children and staff and to celebrate and support the work of this charity. In the afternoon, all children participated in a Red Nose Day festival. I was so proud of all the children as they independently walked around the school and joined in with the many fun activities.



Term 4 Assemblies:

In assemblies and as part of our PSHE curriculum, we have continued to demonstrate and discuss British Values and BEST. We have thought about how we can be respectful and thoughtful to others, no matter what our differences are, whilst also learning about our own Rights and Responsibilities. We have also been learning about why International Women's Day, fighting for change and equality matters by making links to Women's football.



BEST



This is why International Women's Day and fighting for change and equality matters . . .

Laurawestonart follows



Kevin Windsor ❤️ @Reni_Von_... · 32m ...

This is why it matters. Representation. My daughter doesn't have to have an interest in football. She just has to know that it's an option. That she can become anything she sets her little heart on. From a princess to a lioness. And everything in between.

#Lionesses 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 #WEURO2022 🏈



Parents Evening:

Thank you to all of those who attended parents evening this week- it is incredibly valuable when our parents and carers show our children that we are working together to support their learning.

This is also another great opportunity for you to understand what your child is learning and how well they are progressing.

Many parents have explained to us that online meetings are much easier due to time and working patterns as they are not taking more time to travel into school or having to arrange childcare- we have also seen a rise in attendance and uptake with these meetings.



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Since doing online parents evenings, we have also found that the appointments always run to the scheduled time and therefore we are not inconveniencing others with late start times. Families with more than one child also find scheduling appointments with different teachers easier in this format.

Despite this, we also know how important it is for you to be able to come into school and see teachers face to face and visit the school environment. Over the school year, we have organised and planned many events so that parents and carers have the opportunity to come into school on a more regular basis. In September, we also aim to hold 'meet the teacher' events in the first couple of weeks of the new school year.

Please check your emails, our school website and social media for updates about the curriculum offer for your child and about what they are learning. We regularly send out information, especially at the beginning of a new school term.

I would also encourage you to ask your child about what they have been doing- we have the pleasure of talking to them about their school experiences and they are open, honest but also very enthusiastic!

Parent/carer online survey:

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to complete our online school survey. It is so important for us to gain an accurate picture of our school, and determine the ways we can continue to deliver the best education for your children. **When we return to school in April, we may get in touch with some of you to discuss aspects of the questions and to ensure we can clarify information with you.**

I would like to acknowledge that, at times, problems and situations can and do happen. I recognise that we do not always get things right and we can make mistakes. I also hope you understand we may not always agree. However, I hope that all staff strive to rectify issues quickly and that you feel you are able to contact staff via email, telephone or at the classroom door and discuss any areas of concern you may have.

All staff in our school are committed to delivering an excellent curriculum, a safe and ambitious environment and to ensure your children can be the BEST that they can possibly be both now and in the future.

Good bye & Good luck:

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Mr Humphries who is leaving our school to begin a class teacher position in a primary school much closer to his home.

Mr Humphries has been a class teacher at Standens Barn since 2016- he has taught many children and built wonderful relationships with both them and their families.

Mr Humphries will be greatly missed by all of us here and we wish him the very BEST of luck.

I wish all of those who celebrate a happy Easter and hope you all enjoy a restful break. We look forward to seeing you at 8:50 on Tuesday 18th April ready for the beginning of the Summer term.

Thank you to you all for your continued support and kindness.

Mrs James

Reminders:

In order to keep all our children safe, the play equipment/trim trail on our school playground is not to be used before and after school. The equipment is only supervised during playtimes, lunchtimes and specific PE lessons.

Please remember the car park is shut between 8:30 and 9:10 and from 3:00 until 3:30, unless you hold a disability badge/permit for vehicles which needs to be displayed clearly. Our caretaker will open the school gates when it is time to do so.

We are committed to BEST and treating you with respect and courtesy and to be Thoughtful to you all. Our staff also have the right to work in safe environment so we ask that you treat them thoughtfully and with the same respect and courtesy.

Offensive behaviour will result in you being asked to leave and may result in prosecution.

Please keep up to date with all information by regularly checking your emails, our social media pages and our school website.