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Term 5 Newsletter- May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 5 has now come to an end and once again there are many successes and achievements that we need to celebrate.

At the beginning of the term, we celebrated the King's coronation by using our History skills to understand what a coronation is and then using our understanding of Art to create beautiful creations. We ended the week with a picnic, dancing, singing and whole school games and fun and the most important thing, cake!!



As part of the coronation events, Mrs Dobbin also organised an Art competition where the children were asked to design a logo incorporating both BEST and the coronation. All of the entries were excellent and picking an overall winner was such a difficult decision, so much so that more prizes were offered. The runners up and winners will all have their work exhibited along our gallery wall. The winning entries will also have their art work used as the image on a pack of our BEST postcards- look out in the post as children may receive one of these commemorative postcards when they show BEST.



I would like to share my praise and say a massive well done to both our Year 6 and Year 2 children who all completed their SATs this month. They all faced each day with great enthusiasm, motivation and showed great resilience- such excellent skills to have which will set them in good stead for future challenges.

I often say to the children that 'The true test of BEST is how you behave when nobody is watching'. This term I have seen how many children behave and follow BEST and would like to give a special mention to our Magnificent Mind Champions. They have independently and confidently led activities and games with a large number of younger pupils on our playground during their lunchtimes.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch them demonstrate their leadership and co-operation skills, whilst clearly modelling our BEST ethos. What wonderful role models they all are!

Other examples of BEST have been those who have completed our first platinum awards. It was a pleasure to have their company whilst enjoying a hot chocolate and playing new games. Well done!!



Over the past term, we have had a number of visitors who have come in to our school to look at our curriculum, teaching and learning but also BEST.

As part of the process, they have undertaken pupil voice with a number of children from across the school. All the visitors have taken the time to tell me about how impressive the children have been in politely and confidently talking about their learning and their enjoyment of school life. Thank you to all of those children who have taken part.





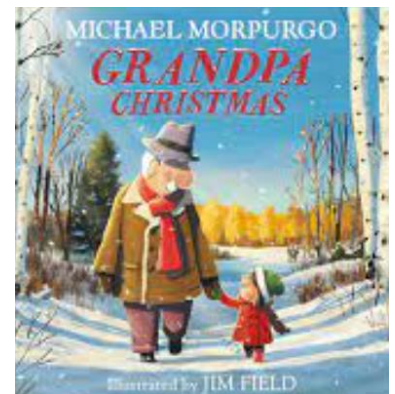
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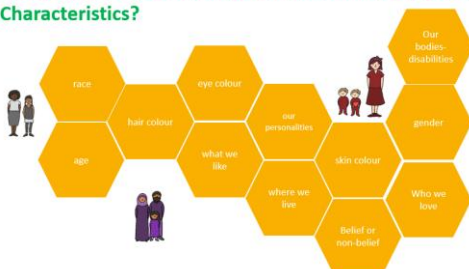
In assemblies this term, we have learnt all about Earth Day and worked together to find ways to help us look after where we live, our school, the planet and the environment. We also used the text 'Grandpa Christmas' to remember the beauty of the world including the wonderful plant life and animals. The children discussed how they could be thoughtful and make small changes that would make big differences to saving our planet, such as turning off lights when leaving a room, picking up litter and using bins, recycling and reusing.



In assemblies, we have also used Mental Health Awareness Week to remember ways to look after our own mental health and what strategies we can use when we may have worries and feeling anxious. We have also had assemblies based on how we demonstrate being thoughtful, respectful and tolerant and asked:

- Have you held the door open to someone today?**
- Have you actively listened to your friends and the grown-ups around you?**
- Have you been co-operative?**
- Have you helped someone to do something?**
- Have you smiled and said good morning, good afternoon or hello or goodbye?**

How do you demonstrate Thoughtful?
How are you respectful and tolerant towards others and looking after our Protected Characteristics?



What Things Make Us Different?

How are you being thoughtful to these people?
Does your behaviour change when teachers are not watching?
What can we do to change? How can we help each other?

Younger children

Visitors



Lunchtime supervisors

Teaching Assistants

Teachers

Children in my class

I recently sent an email to remind all of our families about the importance of children attending school daily and punctually- every day and every lesson count.

Our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our children receive the most from their education and reach their full potential. The law requires all parents/carers to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

I would therefore like you to ensure that dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. Our office staff will ask you for the evidence of medical appointments otherwise the absence will be unauthorised.

We monitor attendance very closely and when absence becomes a concern, we will send an attendance letter to parents/carers. If absence continues, we will invite you in for a meeting with the school to put an action plan including a parent contract in place to improve attendance. If absences continue and attendance remains a concern we may then refer you to the School Attendance Support Service and this may result in a fixed penalty notice and possible prosecution.

We aim to ensure that all children attend school regularly and on time wherever possible to ensure that they are able to make the most of the educational experiences we offer at Standens Barn.

I would therefore like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support with this.

Please continue to 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!

We look forward to seeing you at 8:50 on Monday 5th June ready for the final term of the school year.

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.



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