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Attendance

Well done to **Reception Coral** who are this week's winners with **96.3%** attendance.

Forthcoming Dates:

- 14th May—Y6 SATS Week
- 17th May, 2:45 pm—3:30 pm—Reception Stay and Play
- 18th May—Royal Celebration Day: Come to school in red, white and blue
- 21st May: Y6 Enterprise Week
- 24th May: Y6 Enterprise Fair
- 22nd May, 3pm—Reception Sunstone Music Assembly (Hall)
- 23rd May, 3pm—Y5 Tigers Eye Assembly (Hall)
- 28th May—1st June: Half Term Holiday
- 4th June, 8:45 am—Back to school
- 4th June: Forest Schools for Y1 Pearl
- 6th June: Forest Schools for Reception Sunstone
- 7th June: Y5 Harry Potter Trip
- 11th June: Book Fair
- 12th June, 1 pm: Y1 Pearl Class Assembly
- 13th June, 3pm: Y3 Sapphire Class Assembly

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend; what amazing weather we had! Lots of our classes have been using this nice weather as a great opportunity to learn outside. What an enjoyable four days it has been! This week has been our Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe week, linked to our key priority for the year: reading. Our Years 3-5 children watched the performance in the hall on Wednesday – they absolutely loved it. They all came out completely buzzing afterwards: talking about their favourite scenes, their favourite characters and I believe that lots of our children now want to be actors and actresses! Key Stage Two has been doing all things 'Narnia': they have been thinking about their own magical wardrobes and where they might lead to (I heard some children discussing how they might lead to the White House in America; an underwater world full of mermaids or even a haunted house!). Lots of the children have been creating Narnia art work and have even been making scrumptious Turkish Delight (which I tried and tested!). After the performance, the drama group made a point of popping in to my office to tell me how beautifully well behaved our children were and that I should be very proud of them – which I am. They truly are a credit to us.

As you are aware, we have been working with 'Equipping Kids' to create our learning powers for the school. A group of children from years four and five were being trained in becoming 'professional researchers' on Tuesday. Their role was to go out to all the classes to interview our children in order to gain an understanding of their opinions of different aspects of the school. This week, they reported back some incredibly reflective thoughts and ideas on ways in which our playground can be improved moving forward. They will be carrying out some more research later on in the year.

So, next week....SATS week for our Year sixes. This is a week when our Year sixes get to celebrate and show off everything that they have learned over Key Stage Two. We are so proud of them; they have worked incredibly hard and we know that they will try their best – that is all that matters. With regards to our year sixes, we have sent their parents a letter this week regarding the use of social media. As you may be aware, the legal age for a child to be on social media sites such as Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter etc. is 13. In order to be a member of these sites, the child will have needed to have consented that they are this age. They will then be exposed to advertisements only suitable to children of the age 13+. Also, children aren't quite emotionally ready for social media: we have had many children upset in the mornings because of conversations that they have had over social media the night before.

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend!

Kind regards, **Denise Kennedy Principal**

Year 4 Quartz Class Update

Quartz have very much enjoyed their 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe' week. We have developed our passion for reading fiction books, exploring characters and settings in detail. We have then made our own booklets all about our responses to the text, that has used our art, literacy and reading skills. We are very proud of how these are coming along. In science, we have explored circuits to test insulators and conductors. We were very surprised when our predictions were proven wrong! **Amy Cheunviratsakul**

You will have recently received a Photograph Permission Consent Form. So that we comply with the requirements of the GDPR, it is essential the forms are completed and returned to school by **Wed 16th May**. Additional copies are available from the office. Thank you.



Up and coming trips:

Southend, Y2: 14th June

Discovery Centre, Y3: 2nd July

Whipsnade, Reception: 3rd July



Star of the Week

Presented today:

Nursery Ruby: Joel & Toby Nursery Opal: Maira & Eliade

Reception Coral: Daiyan & Charlotte

Reception Sunstone: Oliver & Katrina

To be presented in assembly on Monday 14th May

Year 1 Jade: Liam & Rensar Year 1 Pearl: Ronnie

Year 2 Diamond: Masimba Year 2 Emerald: Max

Year 2 Onyx: Oliver

Year 3 Moonstone: Wiktor Year 3 Sapphire: Tiger

'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'

Our theme week included a much enjoyed performance of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe on Wednesday.



Pupil Reviews:

I liked the show and thought it was really clever how only 4 actors played 11 different characters. My favourite character was Edmund because he was really funny and mischievous. (Christian, Y5 Garnet)

The performance was an adventurous and hilarious 60 minutes! The show deserves to be produced at a theatre- I would rate it a 4/5 stars. (Lilly, Y5 Garnet)

It was a 9/10- I really liked how they changed the backgrounds and costumes really smoothly. (Adam, Y5 Garnet)



Some of the children taking parts in lights, sounds and effects with the actors after the performance.

Teamwork

Are you entitled?

As you may be aware children throughout Reception to Year 2 and entitled to Universal Free School Meals. This is for all children regardless of circumstances. However, you may also be entitled to Free School Meals (separate to UFSM). If you qualify, the school will receive funding. This can be allocated towards breakfast club, uniform and school trips.

Can we please ask that you follow the link below

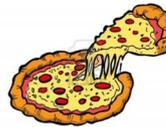
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

and see if you are entitled. If your child is in Year 3 upwards you may also be entitled to Free School Meals.

Reception: Come and join us for 'Stay & Play' Our focus will be Reading

17th May, 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm

Year 6



Could we kindly ask for your contribution of £2 towards pizza to be in school by Tuesday 15th May 2018.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid.



*Celebrate the Royal Wedding:
Come to school dressed in red,
white and blue: Friday 18th May*



Year 4

The Year 4 Egyptian workshop has been rescheduled to

Monday 9th July

Nursery & Reception:

This afternoon a computing questionnaire will be sent home with your child. Can we please ask that you complete and return the questionnaire to school by no later than 25th May.

Thank you in advance.

Pupil Premium Uniform Orders:

If you wish to make an order, please ensure your request is with the office by no later than the morning of Wednesday 16th May. After this point we will not be able to place any further orders until September.

Please be reminded that a maximum of £50.00 can be allocated to uniform for the school year. If you have already spent the maximum you will be unable to place a further order.

Thank you.