



*Good to talk even better to listen*

*Respect myself, school and the community*

*Enjoy and achieve safely*

*Able to make mistakes and learn from them*

*Together we aim high*

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23rd May 2016

**Reminder - Friday 27th May is INSET day then we break up for half term, returning back to school on Monday 6th June**

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Miss Lowe who has helped us with our learning throughout the year. We wish her all the success in the world in her future ambitions.

FS2 thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Sundown Adventure park where memories were made for all. FSI are looking forward to going after the half term break, if you haven't yet brought back your child's slip, please do ASAP so we can confirm attendance.

Please come along to our 'BREAKFAST WITH A BOOK' morning on Wednesday (25th), the perfect opportunity to read with your child whilst enjoying a delicious breakfast. Stick around after dropping your child off for books, pastries, juice, and a sneak peak at our class dances...Also on Wednesday (25th) is our Wyndham Strictly Come Dancing competition. All the classes have been practising really hard and can't wait to perform their dances to the rest of school.

If your child is in FSI on this day, please dress your child in jeans and a white top ready for the performance.

We come to the last week of our out of this world space topic. We will be returning back to earth for our last half term, as we delve into the murky waters of Pirates!

Mr Christie and Mrs Eley would like to congratulate the children in Year 1 on how hard they have been working throughout this term.

This week the children will be performing their final dance routines at the Strictly Come Dancing event. The children's dedication and commitment to the dances has been wonderful to see, and their determination to do their year group proud is admirable.

It's also a sad week for us this week as we say goodbye to Mrs Eley on Thursday. Mrs Eley starts her new job at her new school after May Half Term. All the children, particularly Oxford University, are going to miss her. Mr Christie, Miss Westbrook and Mr Evans would also like to wish Mrs Eley all the best for the future - we are going to miss her massively in Year One!

This week Year Two have worked exceptionally hard in their KSI SATs and have proven how much they have learned this year.

We are very proud of their achievements so well done Year Two!

We have also learned about David Attenborough this week and the children created some really great information posters about him.

In addition, the children have created some brilliant stop, motion, animation clips of the lemurs they created using clay.

We are looking forward to our trip to Elvaston Castle and to show off our awesome dancing moves in Wyndham's Strictly Come Dancing competition next week!

Year 3 have really enjoyed this half term.

We have been on a trip around Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory, made our own chocolate and even tasted some chocolate too!!

We also faced our fears by going on the high ropes with Closer to the Edge at Markeaton Park; some of us jumping off a 40 foot ledge in a leap of faith!

Because of all our progress this half term, we'd like to remind you of your invitation to join us on Tuesday to celebrate with an arts and crafts afternoon. We can't wait to see you!

As always, it was another busy half term in Year 4. We've worked hard to become Masters in Maths and would like to thank all of the parents/carers who came into class to learn with us last week. We're looking forward to our Dojo treat and Martial Arts visitors on Thursday.

If you haven't already, please ensure that you return the permission slip as soon as possible so that your children can take part.

Please continue to read with your children over the half term break and record this in their reading record. If you look back through our Class Dojo page you'll find links to educational games and YouTube videos that your children can practice at home.

Year 5 have been finishing reading *The Iron Man* and trying to become a mini-Ted Hughes in the last two weeks! We have added to the story by writing a new chapter for the book and written poems describing the Iron Man's sorrow. In maths we have been converting between pounds and kilograms and centimetres and inches to work out how tall we are and how much we weigh! We've seen a real improvement in the number of reading records being signed, thank you! It is really important as the children go to year 6 that they are reading at least three times a week. Parents morning is on Wednesday between 9 and 10 and we will be designing and making a range of salads as part of our health eating drive, please come along and celebrate your child's hard work this half-term!

A big 'well done' to Year 6 for their amazing perseverance during the SATs week last week! A fantastic attitude was shown by all and we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating completing them with fish and chips, games and a water fight!

We have also been thinking about our future by visiting the University of Derby last week. Pupils got the chance to look round the University campus and take part in activities such as science, humanities and drama.

Despite the end of our SATS, we have still been working extremely hard in class by focusing on our writing.

We have been watching a film clip called 'The Gift' and basing our writing around this. It is all about an abandoned dog and we have been using our GREAT SPaG knowledge to write some truly outstanding recounts.

#### Lunches

There has been an increase on high sugar drinks, lots of chocolate and sweets in lunch boxes recently. Can we remind you that our school has a healthy school status and we want to encourage children to eat a balanced diet where treats are given in moderation. Can we also use this opportunity to remind parents that we have several children and staff with nut allergies. Please do not put nut products in children's lunches.

#### Active Kids

This has now come to an end and we are busy counting up all remaining vouchers. If you have any at home please send them in by the end of Thursday. We are looking forward to ordering even more fun things for children to play with at playtime and lunchtime.

#### Footballs

There has been an increase in incidents throughout football related play recently. We are asking that children do not bring footballs in from home as we are going to have structured, adult monitored football games from now on.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### Parking

Several times over the last weeks, staff have had to go out onto Wyndham Street to direct congested traffic due to inconsiderate parking. We appreciate that often parents are dropping off children on their way to work etc... but it is becoming dangerous. An adult was hit by a car on Wyndham Street before Easter, fortunately he wasn't seriously hurt, it is only a matter of time before a child is hit.

As the weather is warmer can we please encourage parents to walk with their children to school when and where possible. If you do have to drive please consider parking further away to avoid congestion.

#### A message from the Head of School

Goodbyes... I would like to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Eley. Mrs Eley has worked at Wyndham for just under two years and will be leaving us at the end of this half term. She isn't moving too far away so we hope to keep in touch with her and would like to wish her all the success in her new school. Miss Baines will be the new class teacher.

This half term has once again flown by, it is hard to believe that we only have one more half term left this year. I continue to be impressed and wowed by the children's attitude towards their learning and love to hear of their excitement to continue their learning at home; thank you for the support that you provide.

Please remember that my door is always open and I wish you all a GREAT, safe half term!

Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers - Head of School