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In FS we have been loving our Pizza for Pirates story!

We used Talk 4 Writing to map out the story and had lots of fun changing the main characters. Instead of the little boy George going on a pirate adventure, we had lots of Spidermans, Minnie Mouses and Princesses sailing the seas! We have been making delicious pizzas for the pirates and we even had real pizzas delivered to us on Friday by Ela and Yusuf's daddy who works at Pizza Romance!

We have also been practising our Eurovision songs this week which we are really excited to perform so make sure you come along!!

Next week is very busy – here are a few things to remember:

Tuesday 28th – French Day: the children can wear red, white and blue this day. Parents are invited to come along and watch the children perform in the Eurovision Song Contest in the afternoon from 1:30pm.

Wednesday 29th – Pirate's Breakfast: You are welcome to stay on Wednesday morning with your child to complete different pirate craft activities whilst enjoying a delicious breakfast!

Year One have had a GREAT few weeks. This week, the children have been learning all about meerkats in preparation for our trip to Twycross Zoo on July 5th. The children have written fantastic pieces of information text sharing all their knowledge on meerkats!

Mr Christie and Miss Baines can't wait to share this piece of writing with you at Parent's Evening.

Parent's Evening is fast approaching (4th-5th July) and we still haven't received everyone's slips back. If you would like to come to Parent's Evening, please bring your slip back in ASAP so that Mr Christie and Miss Baines can allocate you your desired time. This will be your child's final Parent's Evening in Year One, and we shall be issuing out their end of term reports and informing you of who their new teacher is for Year 2.

Yet again Year 2 have had another fantastic few weeks at school. After writing some brilliant 'how to guides' for surviving a night at school we had a successful stop over that the children really enjoyed! This past week we have written a spooky start to an alien invasion story after finding some alien spaceship remains outside. We're excited for next week as we're going to be celebrating EAL and having a visit from the fire brigade.

Year 3 have been working on their persuasive language this week by explaining why they are the best candidate to be a school treasurer. Along with this, they have also enjoyed finishing their topic on lines and angles during Numeracy and designing a new, modern school. We have a trip to Rushcliffe Country Park this Friday. Could we remind you to come prepared for all weathers as there will be little shelter; sun cream, sunhats, sturdy shoes and waterproofs. Please also come in non school uniform but with your school jumpers/ cardigans.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, Year 4 will not be able to take part in 'Closer to the Edge' high ropes at Markeaton Park, however as the children really enjoyed taking part in their Martial Arts session last week, we will try to arrange for another session to take place instead.

We intend for this to happen on Friday 8th July and will send out a letter once we have confirmed all of the details.

Please continue to record your children's reading in their reading record and encourage children to complete their homework each week.

We haven't received everyone's reply slip for parent's evening – if you've lost your letter please come and speak to us after school so that we can make you an appointment.

We've had another busy few weeks in year 5! We have been writing and acting our own play scripts about the next prank Matilda will play on her dad or Miss Trunchbull. The children have been using dashes to show interruption, repetition and to add extra information! Miss Elks and Mr Adams also played their own prank in ICT by setting the children the challenge of researching dehydrated water! This links to our learning on false information on the internet and e-safety. In maths we have been finishing off our topic of volume and capacity, which the children have done really well with.

Rehearsals for the Lion King production are well under way in year 6! The children have been working really hard to remember their lines and practising a variety of songs. Additionally, they have also begun to work on props and costumes. They are extremely excited and we look forward to sending you more information regarding tickets as the performance draws nearer!

We have also been developing our knowledge of France and the French culture this week. We have made our very own delicious crepes and written instructions of how to make them to perfection. We are looking forward to learning more about France next week too with French day on Tuesday.

The transition period will begin from next week (week commencing 4th July) with the Year 6s all visiting their new secondary school at different points throughout the week. Whilst this is extremely exciting, it can also be very scary for students. They will be spoken to about this with Miss Rickett in order to provide reassurance and support at the new opportunities they will receive as they move in to Year 7. However, if you have any concerns, please feel free to come and see a member of the Year 6 team in order to discuss this.

Parking

You may have noticed that we have put signs up outside school to reinforce our message about parking sensibly. We appreciate that many parents need to use their cars when dropping children off or picking up after school but we are concerned that the situation has become dangerous on Wyndham Street and as a school we want to do everything possible to keep our children safe. Please support us by parking considerately and being extra vigilant when manoeuvring on Wyndham Street.

Attendance

Attendance has dipped considerably in the last couple of weeks. Much of this has been down to a couple of nasty bugs going around. Some children are coming back to school too quickly after being ill and this then contributes to other children contracting bugs. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea then they need to have 48 hours clear before they return to school. Any children returning to school too soon may be sent home again. If any sickness or diarrhoea lasts longer than 3 days please seek medical advice.

May we also ask that parents ring school every day their child is absent to explain their absence. The Education Welfare Officer does random spot checks on any child absent even when we have had a reason for absence to ensure that all absences are genuine.

We also have had some children away on holiday. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that term time holidays are unauthorised and could result in a fine. Our term dates are in line with Derby City Councils and can be found on their website www.derby.gov.uk. The only addition to this is where we have our 5 INSET days. These will be announced when they are confirmed.

We break up for the summer holiday on Tuesday 26th July and children return to school on Wednesday 7th September.

Raffle tickets went home with children last week for our upcoming Summer Fair. If you would like any extra tickets they are available at £1 per book from the school office. Please bring back any books you cannot sell so that we can try and sell them from school. More details about the event will be given nearer the time. We hope you can attend and support our fundraising.

A message from the Head of School

We are nearly at the end of this academic year with just over 4 weeks to go. We are ending the year with lots of exciting learning and enrichment experiences, for example our French day on Tuesday afternoon - it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, fingers crossed for the sunshine!

We are pleased that more families are choosing to send their children to Wyndham, we currently have 411 pupils attending Wyndham! This also means that we need more teachers so we are pleased to announce the following, who will be starting with us in September and will hopefully be with us during transition week:

Miss Lawer, Miss Syson, Miss Harries and Miss Wareing.

I would also like to welcome Mr Evans to his new role, Mr Evans is starting a SCITT (teacher training) programme at Wyndham in September.

Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers

Head of School