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Newsletter 4 Autumn Term 2024

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A message from Mrs Bates...

As you will have seen, our eagerly awaited final Ofsted report arrived this week. As I mentioned in my parent mail, we are very pleased with the report and how it recognises all the hard work that staff have put in over the last few years. I am proud to be the Headteacher of such a great school and although we don't do what we do for Ofsted, we do it for the children, it is nice to have a report that reflects lots of the positive things that happen each and every day to give your children the best possible start to their education.

Thank you to all parents who completed both the school survey and the Ofsted parent survey. I was delighted with the response in the Ofsted survey that 100% of parents would recommend our school.

😊 The leadership team and I have looked at the feedback from the school parent survey. We have put together responses to the feedback and these will be shared in a separate parent mail in the next week. We always reflect on any feedback given and appreciate when parents take the time to do this. We may not always get things right and we are open to thinking if things can be done differently or where there may be room for improvement.

The Readathon last half term raised just under £3000. This is incredible and we were not expecting to raise so much money. Huge thank you to everyone for their donations. We have started work on the space and are currently in the process of organising all the books. We are then going to purchase some more books and other items to make it an inviting space for people to use. We have organised for Jonnie 'Graffiti', who created the mural in the garden area, to come and create a large mural covering one of the walls. This is very exciting and it is going to look incredible once it is completed. This is being done over the Christmas holidays and we are hoping to have the space up and running in the first part of the Spring term.

Miss Swinburne, who currently teaches two days a week in Year 6 is sadly going to be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Swinburne joined us in 2017 and has been a fantastic teacher in Y4 and Y6. She returned from maternity leave in September but has decided that she wants to spend time at home with her son. Miss Swinburne will be missed by the staff and children but am sure you will all join me in wishing her luck for the future.

Mrs Bates 😊

Diary Dates

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 11th December 3.15 – 5pm

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December

Inset Day (school closed)

Monday 6th January

Reception Christmas Performances

Monday 9th December 2pm

Tuesday 10th December 10.30am

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performances

Tuesday 10th December 2pm

Wednesday 11th December 10.30am

Thursday 12th December 10.30am

Forest School



This year we have made some changes to how we run Forest School. We have always ensured that all children have the opportunity to take part in Forest School for a term at some point during their time at The Round House. Currently, all children in Year 2 get to take part in Forest School. In addition to this, from September, selected children in KS2 have been invited to take part in sessions that will run throughout the year. Forest School is primarily a specialised approach to outdoor learning that is focused on developing confidence, self-esteem, social and emotional skills. While we appreciate this would be of benefit to all children, we have made the decision to use it to support specific children across KS2. Following on from feedback from children in Y5 and Y6, Mrs Gregorius will also be running some Forest School sessions for all children in Y5 and Y6 during the last part of the summer term.

Trim Trail

You may have noticed the fencing around the trim trail. Sadly, following on from our annual safety check, there are several parts of the trim trail that are broken or need replacing. The cost of the repairs is very high. It has therefore been condemned and is not able to be used due to it being unsafe. The fundraising by the PTA is going to go towards helping to buy a new trim trail or fitness equipment. We will update with more information about this going forward.

Children in Need



Thank you to all children and adults for your support with Children in Need. We had over 200 entries in colouring competition and the winners were awarded in assembly on Monday. Congratulations to Mia (R), Sofia (KS1), William (Y3/4) and James (Y5/6). The Year 6 Sports Champions led a fun fitness activity and although I wasn't here as I was at a conference, I hear the school was full of colourful socks and Pudsey ears. You raised over £700 - fantastic job!

Wishing on the Lights assembly - closure of the school office



Each year we hold our 'Wishing on the Lights' assembly. The children always found Mrs Bryden's 'magical' moving hat very entertaining so I have big shoes to fill there! This year, all staff, including the office staff, will be attending the assembly.

This will mean that on Monday 2nd December **the school office will be closed from 8.50 until 9.10.** Please ensure that your child is on time. **Any children arriving after 8.50 will need to wait in the main reception, with parents/carers, until the assembly has finished.**