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School Newsletter

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Staffing Update

As you are probably already aware, Miss Baldwin tied the knot over the Easter break and returned as Mrs Swift.



I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating her and wishing her and Mr Swift many years of happiness.

Governor Monitoring Morning

Yesterday, our school governors were invited in to school to monitor the progress we have made in relation to one of our school improvement priorities. They focused on priority 3: Ensure there are clear, explicit and purposeful links between the fundamental British values and our school curriculum.

The Fundamental British Values are:

- Democracy
- Individual liberty
- Respect of those with different faiths and beliefs
- Mutual respect
- Rule of law

Initially, governors spent some time with Mr Marsh exploring the actions that have been completed since September. They learnt that we have been holding assemblies each term to explore the British values and have also worked hard to establish where our curriculum provides us with opportunities to make natural, meaningful links to these values. Governors spent time in class determining whether children understood what the British values were. They saw how the British values were taught and felt children were given lots of time in each class to explore what they meant and how they were applied in school. Governors commented on how the values were taught in a purposeful way and how they were carefully weaved in to lessons. They felt staff are

using the values as a vehicle to teach children key personal skills and to help pupils develop an understanding of what is right and wrong - helping them form a clear moral compass.

They saw children applying their knowledge of each of the values and saw pupils making links. For example, children linked individual liberty and rule of law by explaining that individual liberty is about having freedom to do and say what you want as long as it is not breaking the law.

Governors ended the morning by watching a whole school assembly and saw children were able to clearly name and explain what the British Values were.

Fundraising

Money Raised

We were staggered by the amount of money that was raised at the end of last term.

Dress Down Friday and the Decorate an Egg Competition raised £133.50. Thanks to the PTA, our Bingo Night raised £318.03. On top of that, Jenson and Grace held a craft sale out of school – selling home-made items – and donated their takings of £112.50 to school! This means we raised a total of £564.03!

Thank you so much for your generosity and a particularly big thank you to Grace and Jenson for going to so much effort for our school!

Blanket Raffle

An exceptionally kind and generous member of our school community (who wishes to remain anonymous) has been busy making two absolutely amazing hand-sewn blankets. The fundraising school councillors are going to be taking the blankets around



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each class and will then be selling raffle tickets (at 50p each) with two lucky winners taking home the blankets. We are hoping tickets will be on sale next week but will keep you posted on Class Dojo!

PSHE this term



This term, our whole school PSHE topic is *Growing Up*. During this topic, children in our lower school will learn about simple hygiene routines, will identify feelings associated with change and will learn the names of body parts. In upper school, children will learn about some changes that happen to boys and girls during puberty, will learn more about the importance of hygiene and will learn where they can get advice if they are worried.

Redhill Trust Update:

Building Works

Over the holiday, and in recent weeks, our Trust's maintenance team have been on site carrying out lots of work for us. This has included putting up cupboards, mending water heaters, sorting out drainage on the no-mow, fixing jammed doors and mending the main gate. Other than the cost of the materials, this work is completed free of charge which means we have more money left to spend on educational resources!

Moderation Event

This week, our teaching staff headed over to North Wingfield School to take part in Writing moderation. This gives us the opportunity to compare our writing outcomes with children from within the trust so we can support (and learn from) colleagues from other schools.

Art Event

As art leader, Miss Bannister has been asked to take part in a KS1 drawing event for gifted and talented pupils. Miss Bannister will soon be working with Year 1 and 2 to produce self-portraits and some children will then be invited to an art event at The Bolsover School.

Safeguarding Meeting

In her role as Deputy Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Swift attended a trust safeguarding update. These meetings make sure we have all the latest information in order to keep everyone safe. They also help us to establish networks with colleagues that we can then work closely with.

Summer Term – Dates for the Diary

We have so many events coming up in the Summer term. Please be sure to visit the calendar on the school website to see what is going on. [This link](#) will take you to calendar.

School Council

Tuck Shop

As part of Madison's original manifesto in her speech to the school back in September, she pledged to set up a school tuck shop. True to her word, she has been working with the fundraising council and are in the process of getting this up and running. I am sure they will be keen to share some key information about this soon.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been hard at work planning a lesson based on findings from a pupil survey last year. Lacey and Willow put together a great presentation about what bullying is and about the damage that rumours can cause. They have now delivered this to Class 2 and Class 3 and I must say they did a wonderful job.

Eco Council

Our Eco Council have been equally busy, giving up their time to improve many areas around school – including Class 1s outdoor area, the Forest School area and the playground and no mow.

I would like to thank the school council for their continued hard work!

Scarcliffe Speed Awareness

Stanley, a former Scarcliffe Primary School student and local resident, has been busy



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planning a project to help improve his (and our) local environment. He is concerned about the speed at which some cars come through the village and is calling for help from our pupils. He has been in touch with his local MP and council and has been given some money to have some signs made to encourage cars to slow down. He has asked our school pupils to enter a competition to design the 'slow down' signs with the winning entries being professionally made and put up in the village.

We will share more details about the competition with the children and via Class Dojo before the end of term. We look forward to seeing what the children produce!