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School Newsletter

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Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you so much to all the people who managed to find time to complete the parent/carers survey. We were delighted with the response rate having had 60 in total. We are in the process of having a good look through the responses and will be writing to you soon to provide some feedback. This feedback will give a summary of the responses to some key questions, will respond directly to some points raised and will identify some areas that we will be giving further consideration to. Please keep an eye out for this more detailed feedback.

Matilda



As part of the transition package, our Year 6 pupils were invited to The Bolsover School on Tuesday to see their performance of Matilda the Musical. The show was absolutely incredible and it

was a privilege to be able to see the pupils perform. We hope it has inspired some of our pupils to audition to star in future performances!

Dress-Down Friday

Our Fundraising School Councillors have planned dress-down Friday which is due to take place tomorrow. They have invited children to come to school in non-uniform and bring a less healthy snack. They are also

asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 which will go to the school fund.

Swimming Gala

Our sports events are coming in thick and fast! Yesterday, our school swimming team represented us at a gala which was organised by the local Sports Partnership. The team gave 100% effort – as expected – and performed extremely well against very tough opposition. At the end of the event we finished a very respectable 3rd! Well done to the team!

Girls' Football Finals

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, our girls' football team qualified for the county finals. This is taking place on Thursday this week at Derby and we wish our team the very best of luck!



Parent Consultation Meetings

This week your child should have brought home a letter about our upcoming parent consultation meetings. These will take place during the second week of next term. Please let us know the time slots that work for you and remember that telephone appointments are available to people who prefer them. If you are unable/do not wish to attend, please indicate this on the reply slip so we don't allocate you an appointment.

Safer Internet Day

Recently our iVengers helped all classes celebrate Safer Internet Day. They delivered an assembly which explained how technology has changed over time. It also reminded the children what they should do if they are worried about anything online.

Again, some children expressed concerns over reporting concerns to grown-ups at home in case their technology is taken off them. My advice would be to praise children if they report a concern and then work with them to resolve the issue (by considering blocking and reporting if necessary).

New School Website

The new school website is now fully up and running and we have received some positive feedback from our pupils about the look of it. If you get chance, please pay it a visit and explore the content.

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SCA Funding Allocation

I am pleased to say, as a trust school, we now get access to a new revenue stream called School's Condition Allocation. This means we can bid for projects to be completed via a pot of money held centrally by the trust. We have bid for three projects this time (which have all been approved) and include rewiring work, resurfacing an area outside Class 3's cloakroom and upgrading some single glazed windows to double glazed. The three projects will cost in the region of £40,000 but will not come out of the school budget. This is a massive advantage of being a trust school and we look forward to having the work completed without impacting on our own finances.

Our Financial Situation



I wanted to take the opportunity to provide an update on the financial position of our school. Currently, we are in position in which we are spending more

every year than is allocated to us. Under usual circumstances this would mean we would need to make staffing changes to address the overspend. Fortunately, Redhill recognise the effective work we are doing in school and are very much an education first, finance second trust. As a result, the trust are supporting our school financially so we can maintain staffing levels and therefore protect the standard of education currently offered. That said, we do need to continue to be mindful when spending money and find ourselves – like many other schools – in a position in which we are less able to subsidise trips and other activities for families.

Water Bottles

As you know, it is massively important for children to drink plenty of water during the school day. We have noticed that a small number of children are not bringing a water bottle to school and so have to borrow one from school. Bringing a water bottle is an essential so please do ensure your child brings their own to school each day.



School Bags

As a such a small school, I am sure you can appreciate that we often struggle for space. This is particularly apparent in the cloakroom areas – especially in Class 3.



Please could you consider whether you could reduce the size of the school bag your child brings each day. As a result of cramped cloakrooms, coats often end up on the floor and then run the risk of being damaged. Almost everything children need at school is provided for them so there is very little need for a large rucksack.