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November 2020

We hope you have had an enjoyable half term holiday. The children have settled back to school really well.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you so much for your patience with the parents' evening organisation. Apart from a few little hiccups, it went extremely well and some parents have commented they would like the option of telephone appointments when things return to 'normal'. We will certainly consider this.

Website

We have been looking at how to make this more accessible for parents. We are working on making sure that it is easy for parents to access the most frequently needed information. We will keep you updated as this progresses, and get some feedback in coming weeks.

Curriculum

The children really enjoyed our last topic 'Can you run a restaurant?' Hopefully, they brought home a few new cookery skills and some good nutritional knowledge. It was a shame they didn't get to *actually* open a Bishop Alexander restaurant for one evening as we had planned, and serve you the recipes they designed, but hopefully you got to hear about all the amazing learning.



This term's topic is 'Is it a History Mystery?' and will culminate with the children doing an artefact share which will include making time boxes and creating a museum exhibition.

Phonics

Due to Covid, the Year 2 (Willow) children did not do their national phonics screening test in June. The government has asked that we do this during the Autumn Term. We will be doing this the week beginning 23rd November 2020.

All Together Anti- Bullying Award

We took part in the All Together Anti-Bullying Alliance Award last year. This involved a review of our policies and procedures in place as well as gathering views from pupils, parents and staff. We made amendments to our policy and ensured these were fully communicated to all stakeholders. We also have a pupil friendly and parent friendly guide to our Anti-Bullying policy which ensures everyone knows the procedures we have in place. We implemented

Dates for your diary:

Tues 17th Nov – Odd Socks Day –
part of Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 18th Dec – Break up for Christmas

Mon 4th Jan – Inset Day

Tues 5th Jan – Return to School



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an anonymous method of reporting issues as well. In April 2020, we awarded the gold award for anti-bullying. This is awarded in recognition of the systems and ethos we have put in place to deal with issues as they arise.



Anti- Bullying Week

This is the week beginning the 16th November. The focus is about difference being positive and how we can unite together against bullying.

The children will be undertaking some learning related to this throughout the week.

We will also be taking part in odd sock day on Tuesday 17th November. So get searching for the brightest and fun socks you can find...remember they need to be ODD! Normal school uniform is still to be worn please.



Attendance

Our attendance figure continues to be good (96.06%). Year 1 had the best attendance last term.

Remember if you have any issues to discuss, Rob Jones is available in school on a Tuesday, or you can phone him on 07900223045.

Student voice:

"I enjoyed making a salad at school and then I took it home for tea and I shared it with my Mummy....it was delicious!"

Porsha Andrews-McGregor - Year 2