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Week Ending: 6th January 2023**A message from the Headteacher Mrs Formosa**

Welcome back to the new year and another busy term in school. Our main priority is for your children to read well so they can access the rest of the curriculum with confidence. Please continue to support phonics and reading at home so that together we can make a difference!

We hope that you have all had a good Christmas and New Year break. If there have been any changes of address or phone numbers, please call into the office and let us know so we can update the system.

As always, if there is any support you need, please speak to Miss Jones on the driveway or any member of staff and we can aim to access the support you need. We continue to stock food parcels so please ask if there is a need – there is no shame in receiving a helping hand from time-to-time.

Health and Safety

Please can we remind you to support us in making school a safe space for all users.

- There should be no smoking or vaping on the premises.
- We do not allow animals to be brought up to school even if they are being carried.
- Children should walk their bikes up and down the driveway to avoid accidents.
- Bikes are left at own risk in the allocated shelters in school.
- We do not allow e-scooters around the school building as they are busy paths and walk ways.
- No 'energy drinks' are allowed in school. Please only send your children preferably with water or low-sugar drinks.

School Uniform

Please support the school uniform as it makes your child feel proud of the school and a sense of belonging in their class. We still have plenty of grey items on offer as well as some badged items in our pre-loved section for £1 an item. If you have any out-grown uniform, please send it in so we can support each other.

There are also some 'pre-loved shoes' in the entrance if you are in need – please pop into the reception area to take a look!

Up and Coming Events**Over the Half -Term**

Year 4 Swimming: Thursday PM

Year 5 @ Chesterton Community Sports College: Thursday PM New Learning

Year 5 Cadets with PCSO Thursday and Friday sessions across the half-term

Dates for Events10th January: 10-12 noon Sports Hall Athletics – selected children14th February: Year 5 & 6 Netball 1pm Keele University

End of Term Disco (to be confirmed)

7th March: Year 6 Tween Safe programme15th March: Ford Green Hall Year 524th March: Hoglets (all classes)29th March: Maths Whizz Rocket Launcher

30th March: Performance afternoon Y3, 4 and 5 (further details to follow)

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2022 -2023

As always, please avoid booking holidays in term-time. They can only be authorised if they are 'exceptional' circumstances. I have limited capacity to authorise holidays. Our registers are externally checked and there are strict guidelines in place.

Spring Term 2023

Half Term: Week beginning Monday 20 February

Training Day: Monday 27th February 2023

Half-Term Starts: Tuesday 28th February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17th April

May Day: Monday 1st May

King Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

Clubs

Clubs start next week – these change each half-term so please make sure you re-sign up! Please apply by clicking on the link that was sent out this week by text message.

School Places

There are child places available in a number of classes across the school so please spread the word if you have new neighbours as sometimes they are unaware of where we are and that the school exists because we are tucked away.

Nursery Applications

Please speak to the office if you need help to apply for your nursery place. The children in nursery will need to have an application form for Reception class. I welcome nursery parents to come in and look around the school and see how the learning and friendships they have started this year will continue in Reception class.

