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Newsletter!

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Dear Parents

Rock Steady

I am very pleased to say that we are augmenting our music provision at school by having the Rock Steady Music School join us. Rock Steady offer private music tuition in schools. We haven't been able to offer private music tuition here for a number of years, so it is lovely to be able to reintroduce it. Parents will be able to sign children up for private lessons which will be delivered on a Thursday during our Creative days.

Rock Steady have a different approach than normal. Children aren't taught an instrument individually. Instead, four or five children are taught together, on different instruments. They are taught as a band and they develop their abilities together as a band. Each term, they perform what they have learnt.

Rock Steady are coming in to school on Monday 20th September. They are running demonstrations for each of the year groups and the children will then bring home flyers which outline what is offered and the cost. You will then be able to sign up for lessons which will commence in the following weeks.

Kittle Photographic

A reminder that Kittle photography are in school on Tuesday 21st September to take individual and sibling photographs of the children.

Year 5 and 6 Residential – Date Change

And a separate reminder that the virtual meeting about the Year 5/6 residential has changed from 28th September to the 5th October. I will send a zoom link out for the meeting which will start around 6.30. It will then lead into the meeting for Year 6 parents about transition to secondary school.

I urge all Year 6 parents to dial in for the transition meeting. Some of you may be very familiar with how you apply for places at secondary school, but if you aren't, I will explain the process and outline what you are required to do.



Homework

Homework will be set as from this week. Separate to this letter, you will be sent an updated homework guide which will outline what is being set in each year group and which will also provide guidance to the parents of our younger children as to how you can best support children's learning at home. This will come out to you later today. The teachers will discuss homework during their Meet the Teacher sessions so that you know exactly what is expected of the children.

Coffee Morning

Hopefully you remember my mentioning that we have a new SENCo, Mrs Fowler, who is taking over from Mrs Oag. They are currently working together to complete a transition before Mrs Oag leaves us.

Mrs Fowler has been visiting classes in order to get to know the children and has already been in contact with a number of parents to introduce herself. She has also been working alongside Mrs Butcher who I previously mentioned is taking on a new role in school, supporting the SEN provision and the general wellbeing of our children and families. Mrs Fowler and Mrs Butcher have organised a coffee morning with a small number of parents as a way of beginning to get to know families at the school. I know that they plan to repeat this in the future as one means of getting to know the wider parent body.

Water Leak

The water leak on Mount Pleasant will be dealt with by the water board but they need to close the road in order to do so. They are liaising with residents about when this can take place. In the meantime please be mindful of the water and how slippery the road surface is.

Thank You

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff, can I please say a very heartfelt thank you for the kindness and support which you have shown to us. On Friday afternoon, Mr and Mrs Birtwistle kindly hosted a social event at their house for the school staff. Thanks to the generosity of a great many of you who contributed to the collection, we enjoyed a really lovely evening. Mr Birtwistle produced a stream of home cooked pizza which was accompanied by continuous suitable refreshment. We were spoilt.

We have a very close knit staff, who genuinely enjoy each other's company and, like you, we had suffered from a year of not even being able to sit together at lunch, let alone go out and socialise. It was wonderful to do so once more. I want to thank Mr and Mrs Birtwistle for opening their home to us, and to Mrs Hulme and Mrs Stevens for coming along and helping to make a really wonderful evening. To all of you who contributed to this, I really am very grateful. We were all taken aback when we learnt how much had been contributed and what had been organised for us. Thank you very much for your kindness.

Best wishes



Jim Holditch