Weekly Newsletter
Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to the two classes with the best attendance for the period 6.1.20 – 10.1.20. They are as follows: -

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Early Years & KS1 –2HB – 98.7% KS2 –6JP – 3AL - 99.2%

This is great start to the year's attendance figures, let's keep this up!

Please think first!

Could we please ask that when you are on the school grounds you are mindful of conversations you are having and the language you are using.

It's very easy for little ears to pick up on this language and I'm sure you'll agree that we don't want this to happen. There have been a couple of occasions when we have been witness to this and we would ask you to be a little more careful so not to upset or offend others. Thank you.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

The children had a lovely time this week at their Teddy Bear's Picnic. They enjoyed a lovely array of picnic food which they enjoyed with their teddies! As always there was a lovely selection of stuffed animals and the children loved looking at what everyone had brought in with them.

We will look forward to the next event ☺

Clean it up!

We received a visit from Environmental Health this week following complaints from local residents about dog fouling on the paths.

They are trying to continue to encourage all dog owners to clear up their dog's mess and dispose of it correctly as failure to do so can result in a £1000 fine.

Unfortunately, the council have been made aware of an increase in dog fouling in our area. We can help them to target their patrols and hopefully catch the culprits. If you witness a dog fouling offence, please log the following details;

- The day and time the dog fouling is happening
- The location where it is taking place
- A description of the owner and dog
- The address of the owner (if known)

If you any have any information that could help, please contact;

Cannock District Council on 01543 462621 or email environmentalhealth@cannockchasedc.gov.uk
You can obtain further information on www.canncokchasedc.gov.uk/dogfouling.
Thank you.

Reception 2019 Deadline

I would just to remind parents that the deadline for applications for Reception September 2019 is **15th January 2020.**

If your child is 4 between 1/9/19 and 31/8/20 they will be eligible to join Reception in September. Please visit the following Staffordshire site for more information and to make an application if you haven't already done so.

https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/Apply/apply.aspx

Piota

After looking at the information we hold, it seems that quite a few parents have downloaded the Piota app yet haven't completed the registration process. Unfortunately, these people will not be able to receive individual messages or year group messages unless their devices are fully registered. It is very important to do this as Piota is our only way of communicating with parents and we don't want you to miss out on any important information.

The registration process is very simple to do, once the app is downloaded and opened, click on the lock symbol in the top right hand corner and follow the instructions. Please remember to select your child's year group during this process. If you delete the app for whatever reason and re install it, you will have to do this procedure again. The same applies obviously if you change your phone or want to add another device. If you are having problems or want to ask any further question, please pop to the office. Thank you.

The Big Bounce

The Big Bounce Event at Cannock Chase Leisure centre returns this February Half Term on Monday 17th February.

There will be lots of inflatable fun for primary aged school children during the school holidays.

In a bid to reduce their carbon footprint, they are sending the details to us electronically to pass on to you.

If you would like to take your child along, simply go to the following website to book;

www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk/Tickets

Snow desk procedures

The temperatures have dropped this week and with the forecast looking like they could drop even further, we thought this would be a good time to confirm our snow desk procedures.

In the event of really poor weather, we may have to shut the school. This happens rarely, but it is a case of hoping for the best while planning for the worst.

The worst day for travelling is usually the first day of snow when it seems to delay traffic. After that we seem to cope better.

Mr Shorter is first on site and in the event of heavy snow he will talk with me to make sure the correct decision is made regarding the school. We will assess the state of the school grounds and the roads via the West Midlands Met Office website and Metcheck.com to make our decision.

If the school is going to be shut, parents will be alerted via the Piota App and our Facebook page. We will get the message to parents as soon as we possibly can.

No message? This means that school is open as usual ☺

Mrs. B. Hadley
(Head Teacher)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 21st January – Pupils to dress up as Rock Stars

Friday 24th January – Year 6 Residential deposit deadline – please pay on Parent pay if you haven't already done so ☺

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th January – Year 5 Bikeability

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 24th February – School opens

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

W/C 30th March – Parent's Consultations – details to follow

W/C 6th April and 13th April – Easter holiday

Monday 20th April – School opens