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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Miss Travis took a team of 24 children to the TASAlympics at Edge Hill today.

They have had a very successful day with the Year 3&4 Team finishing in 2nd place and the Year 5&6 Team in 4th place. The Year 3&4 girls were placed in bronze position in the relay whilst the Year 3&4 boys won silver! Katie in Year 4 finished in silver position in the Year 3&4 age group overall and Alfie in Year 6 in bronze position in the Year 5&6 age group!

Thank you to Miss Travis, who quite rightly made the team photograph for once! and to Miss Helm, Ella-Mei and Mrs Weaver for their help during the event.

Well done to all of the team!



Congratulations to Hannah, Jacob, Noah and Henry who represented school at the Tardis Poetry Celebration Event at Banks Leisure Centre on Tuesday evening. They performed their winning poems brilliantly on stage with poet David Bowden, following which they were presented with their prizes and certificates. The standard of poetry was very high throughout the competition on the theme of 'Respect'. David was extremely complimentary of our school saying that he had been 'blown away' when he visited to work with the children. Well done to all Year 3 and 4 pupils who entered the competition.



Next week sees our Year Six children away on their residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden from Monday to Wednesday. They will be accompanied on the trip by Mrs Newsham and Mrs Croft and we wish them all a safe, fun and exciting time.

Next Friday, helped by a kind donation from The Friends, we are holding a musical event in school. Each class will take part in a Stomp style body percussion workshop delivered by a visiting company, 'Beat Goes On'. This experience is to enhance our music curriculum and we are very excited to see what is involved.

'Let your light shine in the world' (Matthew 5:16)

Thank you to The Friends, Mr Hoare and all volunteers and staff who helped to make last evening's discos so successful. The change of venue from the hall to outdoors actually enhanced the children's enjoyment and the weather was kind to us. Thank you also to Fiddler's Crisps for donating crisps for the children to enjoy and The Hesketh Arms for allowing the ice pops to be stored in their freezers! As you can see from these photographs we all had a lovely evening!



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Sport and Keeping Healthy'. We will focus on thanking God for our health and fitness and for those people who encourage our sporting activities both in and out of school, including our sport's councillors and prefects. We will consider what makes great team work and sportsmanship and how this reflects the teachings of Jesus. We will look at how we can encourage each other to do our best and how everyone has a role to play in celebrating achievements of ourselves and others.

Reading Books

We have experienced a number of reading books going missing at home this year and as such not being returned to school. As you can imagine, this impacts on our available reading book stock in school and the variety of books that children can take home to read. Sadly this is having a severe impact on the school budget as we are having to replenish stock more frequently than planned for. Please could be politely ask that books are cared for at home and returned to school each week, thank you.

In order to complete a stock take and prepare books to be issued for the new academic year, reading books and class library books will be collected in from Friday 14th July. The children are encouraged to join the summer reading challenge through the library service – full details have been posted on Seesaw and the children have been introduced to the challenge in class.

Sparkle Day

Thank you for your kind donations to support the work of this vital charity. We collected a total of £189.13 on Sparkle Day. Snap bands will be on sale from the middle of next week priced at £1.50 each. All money will be forwarded on to support the work of The Sparkle Bean Trust.

End of Year reports

Reports will be sent home with the children today. Please acknowledge receipt of your child's report by returning the slip enclosed, adding any comments you may wish to make, by Friday 14th July, thank you.

Lost Property

There will be a table outside school next Thursday and Friday afternoons with items of lost property. Any items left at the end of Friday will be donated to The Friends Pre-loved Uniform collection.

Parent Pay – School Meals and Tree House Club Provision

On our return to school in September, for planning purposes, we will assume that those children who had a school meal prior to school closure will require a school meal each day. If you intend to change your child's meal provision to a packed lunch from home then please email Mrs Shaw prior to the start of the new term. This is vital to assist Mrs Blundell with ordering supplies and organising lunchtimes for the new school year. Parents of children who will be moving into Year 3 will need to ensure that Parent Pay accounts are credited for school lunches as Universal Free School Meals only apply to Reception, Year1 and Year 2 pupils.

School meals for Yr 3-Yr 6; from 4th September – 20th October - 7wks at £2.50 per day = £87.50

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Payments should be made in advance either daily, weekly or half termly via ParentPay. Could I please ask that you ensure that your accounts have sufficient funds credited to them for Tree House provision and school meals as school restarts in September.

If anyone requires Tree House Club provision from September and hasn't yet received a new registration pack for 2023/24 then please contact Mrs Shaw who will arrange for a pack to be sent out to you.

School will close for the summer holiday at **2pm on Friday 21st July** and will re-open to pupils for the autumn term on **Monday 4th September at the new time of 8.45am**. Please note that, as school closes at 2pm, **there will be no after school Tree House Club on the last day.**

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend from everyone at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Elleray
Headteacher



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