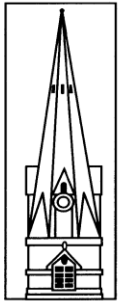


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Friday 24th May 2024

Head Teacher's Message

Happy half-term break! I'm sure that we have a number of tired children and families tonight. We have all worked incredibly hard for the last few weeks learning new things and for some children preparing for special tests and quizzes! We have had coastal trips, sports coaches into school and even a 'well-being' afternoon to finish – it has been lovely to see the wonderful 'wear what you love' outfits today and thank you for your contributions to the much awaited Higher Walton PTFA summer fair taking place next half-term.

In worship this half-term our value has been 'service' and the children have been talking about ways in which they help each other and how their friends are helpful towards them too. I see this on a daily basis in school with children's kindness towards each other, from helping each other up when they fall over or sometimes saying some positive words to another who may be finding things trickier.

As we go into the holiday, we wish all of our families a peaceful break. Have a good rest and we'll see you back in school on Wednesday 5th June ready for what the next half of summer term brings.

Have a lovely week, Mrs. Clarke ☺

Explorers

This week, our Reception children have been creating their own innovated stories of our literacy text Hairy Maclary from Donaldsons Dairy. We came up with two new characters, "Molton from Higher Walton" and "Heston from Preston" where the children worked hard to ensure that the name of the character and the town rhymed with each other. We did come up with some unusual names! Nursery children have also been learning about Hairy Maclary this week and they have been working hard on their fine motor skills by drawing a picture of the main character with shapes and continuous lines. In PSHE, the children have been learning about the life cycle of a human and we have looked closely at all the different stages and specific vocabulary like "toddler" and "teenager". The children have been also working hard on their Rainbow Challenges where they have been completing independent learning tasks during continuous provision.

Let's talk? - Who is your favourite character from Hairy Maclary?

Pathfinders

This week Pathfinders enjoyed their trip to the beach. They completed their geography fieldwork by looking at the uses of a coastal town. The children have also done a fantastic job at writing their own versions of the Yeti and bird book by Nadia Shireen. They have thought hard about how to use sentence starters to make their stories more exciting. Pathfinders have also composed their own pieces of music to reflect environmental sounds.

Let's talk? - How many number bonds to 20 can you remember?

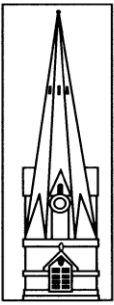
Discoverers

This week in Discoverers we enjoyed our Geography trip to Fleetwood. We walked around some of Fleetwood to complete a survey of the human features found in coastal areas. We had a picnic on the park before heading for the beach to complete some sand art. The children had a great time. In our English lessons we have been gathering information so we can write a non-chronological report about cameras. Children have also enjoyed completing their clay house pieces using all of the skills we have learnt this week.

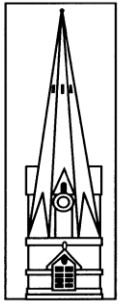
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Let's talk - Can you name 3 physical features you will find in a coastal area?

Adventurers

This week Adventurers have been learning about the growth cycle of a glowering plant in our science lessons. We have begun a new book in guided reading called Old Possums Book of Practical Cats. We have looked at and read a poem about naming cats. In English this week we have been reading a book about the character Odd.

Let's talk? - Ask your child about what happened to Odd when he ventured into the woods.

Navigators

We've had a creative week in Navigators this week. We have created our own mixed media self-portraits in art - thinking about what we wanted the portrait to say about us. We have also presented our findings in Geography from our field trip into the village last week. We included photographs, maps, tally charts and quotes from people we questioned. We have finished our English unit on The Last Wild, and this week recapped our learning of hyphens, question tags and contractions. We are going to continue reading the book after half term

Let's talk? - What happened to Ade at the end of the book The Boy in the Tower?

PSHE

As part of the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum in school, we will be learning all about 'Changing me' after the half-term break. Please see the attached letter from Mrs. Plowman, our RSE lead, with further information regarding this.

Football

Our girls football team have continued to play in their South Ribble tournament and have managed to achieve 7th place out of the 16 schools taking part. This is an incredible achievement for our small school and we are lucky to have had the Year 6 girls leading the way, knowing that our younger girls will still be playing for us next year! Well done girls and thank you for your commitment to training and attending the matches each week.

New school Governors

As a school, we are pleased to be able to welcome to our governing board a number of new members. We have two new parent governors, Charlotte Foweraker and India Havery, as well as other new governors Jan Deakin, Alison Moxham and Catherine Prince who are able to bring their expertise having worked in primary school education. It is a very exciting time for our governors as our board is now full and we look forward to working together to further improve our school.

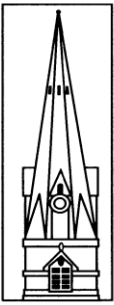
Classrooms

We are currently updating our classrooms as part of our school improvement and have already had the delivery of new tables, trays and re-organisation of class resources. This has included introducing new reading areas, improving current ones and the children have been very excited to share with me news about the authors and new books that they have been reading. We have also further developed our sensory classroom which is a very calming space for the children to use when they need to. School is a lovely environment to be in at the moment!

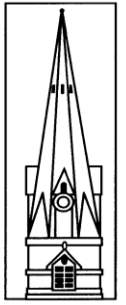
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Communication questionnaire

Thank you to all of the parents who have filled in our communications questionnaire. We will be having a look at the responses after the holidays and taking on board your thoughts and ideas. Communication between school and home is incredibly important and we want to make sure that you have access to the information that you need to make sure that your children's time at Higher Walton is the best that it can be.

Play equipment before and after school

We kindly ask that the children do not play on the equipment before and after school as this is not supervised by our staff during these times. Mrs. Clarke is on the gate every morning to welcome children into school (or another member of staff in her absence) and after school we expect children to be collected promptly and then leave through the school gates with whoever has collected them.

Lost property

Any lost property will be placed in the boxes tonight in the front entrance of school. We will keep it for the week when we return to school and sort any unwanted items on Friday 7th June 2024. Please collect any missing items before this date.

Weekly awards

| Week ending 17 th May 2024 | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | Star of the Week | VIP |
| Explorers | Jack | Zander |
| Pathfinders | Eli | Autumn |
| Discoverers | Adam | Olivia |
| Adventurers | Willow | Kayleigh |
| Navigators | All Year 6 | Gabriel |

| Week ending 24 th May 2024 | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Star of the Week | VIP |
| Explorers | Thomas | Olivia |
| Pathfinders | Amelia | Dylan |
| Discoverers | Max and Charlie | - |
| Adventurers | Evie-May | Jack |
| Navigators | Dylan | Daisy and Beth |

Attendance

| Week ending | Explorers | Pathfinders | Discoverers | Adventurers | Navigators |
|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 17th May 2024 | 14 on roll | 15 on roll | 23 on roll | 26 on roll | 30 on roll |
| Attendance | 95% | 94% | 93% | 85% | 96% |
| Lates | 1.85% | 0.70% | 3.04% | 0.77% | 1% |

Well done to Navigators class with the highest percentage attendance this week!

| Week ending | Explorers | Pathfinders | Discoverers | Adventurers | Navigators |
|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 24th May 2024 | 14 on roll | 15 on roll | 23 on roll | 26 on roll | 30 on roll |
| Attendance | 92% | 88% | 94% | 93% | 94% |
| Lates | 5% | 4% | 2% | 0.38% | 0.67% |

Well done to Discoverers and Navigators classes with the highest percentage attendance this week!

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Diary dates to the end of term

Attached to the newsletter email you will find all the dates for everything that is happening in school until the summer holidays.

Weekly Reminders

ParentMail forms: Please could we ask that when you receive a ParentMail form for your child this is completed in a timely manner and by the stated deadline. The reports produced by your responses form the registers for the event or trip and admin time for this task increases when chasing up those who have not responded.

Medication: Please can we remind parents that medication can only be given during school hours if this is prescribed by a doctor, dentist or nurse. Items should be handed in at the office and permission forms completed. We cannot accept paracetamol, ibuprofen etc. unless these accompany prescribed medication. As always, there are exceptions and in these circumstances please discuss this with Mrs Rourke.

Mobile phones: Mobile phones should only be brought to school by children who walk to and from school unaccompanied or where they are going to a different parent's house. All phones must be handed in at the office for locking away during the day.

Absences: All absences must be notified to school **on the day**. ParentMail or email (bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk) is the quickest and easiest way to report an absence and provides a written record. We must ask that **full** reasons for the absence is given, particularly where this is illness related. **Just stating 'not well', 'ill' or unwell' does not allow us to monitor illness absences and in particular infection control.**

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