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Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 17th February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Governors Corner

As the teachers and children head into the half term break, I thought I would write to you on behalf of the Board of Governors in relation to two notable events this term.

First, in light of Mrs Gibbs' absence from school, the governors resolved earlier this month to approve Mrs Howell as Acting Headteacher until further notice. This means that Mrs Howell has taken on all responsibilities of Headteacher on an interim basis and, with the support of the excellent team of teachers, TA's, Midday supervisors and office staff around her, is responsible for all aspects of running the school. We wish Mrs Gibbs well and look forward to her returning in due course. In the meantime the Board of Governors is very grateful for Mrs Howell taking on these additional responsibilities and for her outstanding and proactive attitude in leading the school while 'acting up'.

Secondly, as you will all be aware, on Monday the school received notice that OFSTED would be undertaking an inspection. This is a Section 5 (routine) inspection, it was long overdue (coming some 15 years after the last inspection) and a huge amount has changed in the school, staff, and curriculum, since then! The inspectors conducted their visit on Tuesday and Wednesday this week and they have now gone away to consider their observations, form their conclusions and write their report. They work to a statutory timetable of 30 working days to finalise the report and the staff and governors look forward to receiving it in early April. We will ensure that parents and carers are informed as soon as the report is finalised. Thank you to those of you who responded to the OFSTED survey or who were kind enough to spend time answering inspectors' questions at school drop-off.

Yours sincerely

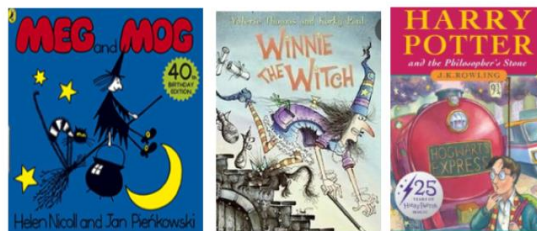
Adrian Walters

Chairman of the Governing Board

Reminder, school will close for the children on Thursday 17th February for the half term break, **Friday 18th February is a staff training day. School will reopen for all children on Monday 28th February.**

Competition

During the holidays, our annual competition will be to create a new, different design for a front cover for one of our favourite magical books - Harry Potter, Winnie the Witch or Meg and Mog. The winner will receive a £5.00 book voucher. An entry form has already been sent home in book bags. A copy is also attached.





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PTA

A massive thank you to everyone who came dressed in something they love on Valentine's day. We hope the children enjoyed their 'Love Hearts'. A fantastic amount of just over £250 was raised which will go towards the contributions which are so needed!

'PE ready'

Please be reminded that PE clothing is still part of our school uniform. On PE days, please send your child to school already wearing either **dark blue, black or grey jogging bottoms, shorts and sweatshirts. A white T shirt** to be worn and Velcro fastening trainers that your child can take off / put on themselves. Children who have long hair must have it tied back at all times. All personal items need to be labelled with your child's name.

Parking

We have had a concern from a local resident regarding parking. Please be considerate when parking along Packhorse Road, Oaklands Avenue and Station Road, ensuring our neighbour's properties have full access to their driveways at all times. Thank you

School Business Officer - Job Vacancy (Term Time)

We currently have a School Business Officer vacancy in school. The position is permanent working 25 hours per week (5 hours per day), 39 weeks per year. For an application form, please click on the following link

<https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/administrationclericalcustomer-service-contract-school-business-officer/29896.job> - Closing Date 27th February 2022

Mid-day Supervisor - Job Vacancies (Term Time)

We currently have two mid-day supervisor vacancies in school. One is a full time position 5 days, and the other is part-time 3 days. For an application form, please click on the following link

<https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-non-teachingsupport-services-contract-midday-supervisor-2-posts/29392.job> - closing date is 20th February 2022.

Have a lovely half term break,

Mrs V Howell
Acting Headteacher