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Welcome Back

It has just been amazing to have all the children back in school where they should be. It has been a lovely week with lots of smiles and laughter. Everyone seems so happy to be back in school.

It will take time for everyone to fully adjust to the school routine again. This week we have had some giggles about how we all can't just raid the fridge or biscuit tin every 5 minutes and getting used to going to the toilet at playtime again!!! We have also noticed that lots of our children are feeling tired as the week draws to a close. That is to be expected and everyone is probably ready for a restful weekend.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Take care

Mrs P X

World Book Day

Last week we had lots of fun on World Book Day. The children that dressed up and joined our zoom looked amazing. Miss Coward worked really hard to put together a World Book Day Team with lots of activities for all the children to take part in.

The winners of the potato challenge were;

Class 1 Joshua (The Dinosaur)

Class 2—Bella-Blossom (The Gruffalo)

Class 3—Mia (A Wonderful Butterfly)

Class 4—Finn (Captain Underpants)

The winner of the Masked Reader competition was Stephen in Class 2. Stephen was the only one in the whole school who worked out all of the masked readers!

If you missed any of the activities or challenges then they are still available on Teams.

Life Education

On Thursday 18th March we will have our annual Life Education visit. To keep everyone safe The Life Education mobile classroom will not be visiting this year but the program has been adapted to be delivered in the classroom by Jackie the Educator. I know lots of children really look forward to seeing Harold so I have checked with Jackie that Harold is still part of the Covid safe program and she assures me he is and Harold will talk to the children about how he will help keep them safe. There won't be any Harold cuddles this time. There will be no Harold merchandise for sale this year, this is part of the Covid safety.

As they have for the past few years, Friends of Orton School have very kindly agreed to fund this visit again this year which also includes the Relationships and Health Education Curriculum resources we use throughout the year across school.

There is normally a parent's information session on the morning of the mobile classroom's visit. This won't be available this year but if anyone would like to talk about the program with Jackie beforehand she is happy for me to pass on her contact details to you.



February House Points

Some very high numbers again for February. Well done to everyone for working so hard and a special well done to this month's winners the Red team.

Red—487

Blue—469

Yellow—471

Green—478

We will make sure both the Blue team who were January's winners and the Red team get their reward very soon.



Christian Value

This half term Koinonia. This is a Greek word meaning community and being better together. This is perfect for this time as we come back together as a school community.

Comic Relief

Red Nose Day returns on Friday 19th March. Everyone is invited to come to school dressed in something red in exchange for a £1 donation to Comic Relief. The children should come armed to share their favourite jokes!

Vegetable seeds wanted

As Spring is on it's way, plans are being made for our school vegetable garden. We are looking for donations of seeds to help us along the way. If you have any seeds that are surplus to your requirements or maybe left over from last year that you were happy to donate to school please pop them through the school letterbox.



Miss Potter

Today is Miss Potter's last day of working as she starts her maternity leave. We will all miss Miss Potter but I'm sure you would want to join with us all in school to wish her the very best of luck with the safe arrival of her baby. We are so excited for Miss Potter and can't wait to hear the news when it happens. Hopefully it won't be too long before we see Miss Potter with her baby.

Good luck Miss Potter

Diary Dates

All diary dates are subject to change.

18.3.21	Life Education
19.3.21	Comic Relief
26.3.21	Year 4 & 5 Cycle Skills—bikes and helmets
26.3.21	2.50pm Stars via zoom parents welcome
30.3.21	Virtual Parents meetings—details to follow
1.4.21	End of Spring Term
19.4.21	Start of Summer Term
30.4.21-3.5.21	Hunter hall virtual cross country challenge
28.5.21	Break Up
7.6.21	New half term starts
11.6.21	Wheelchair Basketball
23.6.21-25.6.21	Class 3 Residential, Langdale—Provisional
28.6.21-2.7.21	Class 4 Residential, Isle of Man—Provisional
16.7.21	End of Summer Term