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Tom Palmer to visit Zouch Academy!

KS2 classes are very fortunate to be having a virtual session with a real author on Thursday 12th October. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children to ask questions and understand what it's like to be an author! Find more information about Tom Palmer

here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/free-reads/>

Tom Palmer is a renowned British author celebrated for his prolific work in children's and young adult literature. With a passion for sports and history, Palmer weaves engaging and educational tales that captivate young readers.

His books often explore themes of resilience, teamwork, and the power of sport, making him a beloved figure in the world of children's literature.

Tom's books are amazing and can be purchased on Amazon 😊



Dyslexia Week!

This week in assembly, Miss Pearce spoke to the children about Dyslexia week. Dyslexia Week is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness and understanding about dyslexia, a learning difference that affects reading, writing, and spelling skills. During this week, our school joins a nationwide effort to celebrate the strengths and talents of individuals with dyslexia, while also promoting the importance of early identification and support. It's a time when we come together to foster inclusivity and empower all students to reach their full potential, regardless of their learning profiles. Having recently been one of only a handful of schools in Wiltshire to be awarded the Dyslexia Friendly award we are incredibly proud of the support we have in place throughout the school.

**DYSLEXIA
AWARENESS
WEEK**

1-7 October

Safeguarding

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who drive and park considerately. Unfortunately, we are still getting reports of parents parking on the pavement or the narrow corner at the end of Wavell Road. We, along with many parents, continue to be concerned about this as it makes it dangerous to cross the road. **Please do not park on the pavement, turn on the pavement, or park on the narrow corner at the end of the road.**

Kind Minds Curriculum

This week, the children have been using 'The High Five Breathing' technique. This involves stretching one hand out in front of you like a star. Get the pointer finger of your other hand ready to trace your fingers up and down. Begin by placing your pointer finger on the palm of your hand. Breathe in as you trace up your fingers and breathe out as you trace down your fingers. Keep going until you have traced each finger with your breath. Please feel free to try this mindfulness at home too to establish calmness when needed.



High five breathing

Autumn Disco

It's soon to be the Autumn Disco! This will be held on **Thursday 2nd November.**

5-5.45pm for Reception and KS1

6-6.45pm for KS2.

This will be set up on Parent Pay where you will need to book a place. Children displaying repeated poor choices in school will not be allowed to attend the disco.



GB Gymnast to visit Zouch Academy.

On Monday 16th October, children in Year 1 to 6 will be part of a training session led by the incredible gymnast Kelly Simm. She has won a number of medals at the Commonwealth Games, European Championships and World Championships. Organised by Miss Pallister, and led by Sports for Schools, the children will learn about her journey to the championships and what it takes to be a professional sportsperson.

On this day, the children will need to come to school wearing their correct PE kit. If you would like to make a donation of £1 this would be greatly appreciated.



Nut-Free School!

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut-free school. Lunchboxes should not contain any items that may contain nuts. This includes fillings such as hazelnut spread, peanut butter and other snack items.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off

We have seen a few parents during pick-up and drop-off who turn their vehicles around outside the gate and mount the pavement. This is extremely dangerous. The safety of our parent, visitors and children are paramount.

Future dates for your diary:

Monday 9th October – Teacher Training Day! School Closed to pupils

Tuesday 10th October – Wren and Robin Parent Phonic Stay and Do 9:00 – 9:30

Tuesday 10th October – Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge

Tuesday 10th October – Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop, 5PM, KS2 Hall

Wednesday 11th October – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 9.30am (please book via the school office)

Thursday 12th October – Y4 Dance Performance to Parents at 09.15am

Thursday 12th October – Wren and Robin's Parent Phonic Stay and Do 9:00 – 9:30

Thursday 12th October – KS2 Virtual Meet and Greet with author Tom Palmer

Wednesday 18th October – Last day of term! Finish at 13.10pm

Thursday 2nd November- School Autumn Disco 5-5.45pm for Rec + KS1 and 6-6.45pm for KS2. Please book on parent pay.