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Tom Palmer visits!

Yesterday saw the award-winning author Tom Palmer, visit the classrooms of KS2. It was a wonderful opportunity to promote the love of both reading and writing and was enjoyed by all. He explained how he became an author, what it takes to write a book and where he gets his inspiration from. The children were captivated by his visit and asked a range of brilliant questions. As part of the visit, every child in KS2 received Tom's autograph and a booklet all about him. A big thank you to Miss Hargreaves for organising the event.

Safeguarding

With children using technology more and more, it is important that at home and in school, children are protected from unsuitable content when online. In school we have a three-stage filtering system and a robust monitoring schedule of the internet use in school. It is vital that parents do everything they can to safeguard children at home. Attached to this newsletter is a short guide on setting up parental controls on home devices.

Values

As the end of the term draws near, I have been around the school to ask the children how they have been showing the value of respect both in and out of school. Here are the children's responses:

'I've made sure that I have listened to the adults at home and done what they said.' – Freddie

'Whenever I walk through a door, I always check to see if anyone wants to go through and hold it open' – Annabelle

'I have been asking my parents if they need any help with anything when I am at home.' – Riley

As a values-based school we aim to develop the children in the school to be respectful members of our community and support them to become responsible members of society.

Texts and Theme for next term:

Your children's teachers are already very excited about their class's learning next term. In November, a curriculum web will be sent home with more details. Below are their themes and class texts for term 2.

Reception: Into the woods

Bear Hunt, The Gruffalo, Were going on an Elf Hunt

Year 1: United Kingdom

Paddington

Year 2: The Great Fire of London

Toby and the Great Fire of London.

Year 3: European Coastlines

Peter Rabbit

Year 4: Ancient Greeks

Usborne Illustrated Stories from the Greek Myths.

Year 5: Extreme Environments

Destination Planet Earth

Year 6: WWII: Battle of Briton

Shackleton's Journey

Kind Minds Curriculum

This week, the children have been using 'Shark Breathing' technique. This involves placing the side of your hand on your forehead, with your palm facing out to the side like a shark fin. You then breathe in through your nose, breathe out and say 'shhhhhhh' as you slide your hand down the centre of your face.

Please feel free to try this mindfulness at home too to establish calmness when needed.



Shark breathing

PE and Forest Schools – Term 2

Children will need to bring their kit for Forest School and PE in a named bag to change into. Here is the timetable for next term:

Class	PE	Forest School
Puffins		Wednesday
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Monday	Monday
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Thursday	Thursday
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Thursday	Tuesday
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Friday Wednesday	Wednesday (Weeks 4-6)
Y4 (Ospreys and Kestrels*)	Thursday (Kestrel) Friday	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Monday Wednesday	Wednesday (Weeks 1 – 3)
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Tuesday Wednesday	Friday (Weeks 1-3)

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 parents, visitors and children is paramount.

School Photos

Your child should have brought home their school photo this week. Please note, the closing date is **Tuesday 31st October**, orders are placed online only.

School Meals Term 2

The menu is now live for Term 2.

Please ensure your child's meals are booked on parent pay for the week commencing 30th October by midnight **Tuesday 17th October**.

Future dates for your diary:

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

Monday 30th October – School Opens for Term 2

Monday 30th October – Osprey Swimming starts!

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

Tuesday 7th November – Year 6 Pencelli Info and SATS Information Meeting, 5PM in KS2 Hall

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day! Children to wear colours/traditional dress

Wednesday 15th November – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 09.30am, please book via school office

Friday 17th November – Children in Need, Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 23 November – Book Fair KS2 Hall

Friday 24th November – Book Fair KS2 Hall, Non-Uniform Day

Friday 1st December – Year 1 to 5 Christmas Panto

Wednesday 6th December – Reception and Y6 Christmas Panto

Thursday 7th December – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 09.30am, please book via school office

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch!

Thursday 14th December – Year 3 Dance Performance to Parents, 9.15am in KS2 Hall

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of Term! School Finishes at 13.10pm.