A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Only one week remaining until the half term. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term so I am sure they will be more than ready for a break and rest.

Parents Evening:

The parent/teacher consultations link has been sent to all parents this afternoon so please book your appointment as soon as you can. Autumn parent / teacher consultations are primarily to talk about your child's progress so far and to discuss how your child has settled into his or her new class. This will also be the time for you to discuss any worries or uncertainties that you may have in relation to your child's education. I am incredibly happy that you will be able to meet your class teachers in person and as I stated before, any parent who requested a virtual meeting has been offered an online appointment instead.

Please click here for guidance on our safety procedures for parents' evening.

TV Watching:

Some of you have heard about a new Netflix TV Programme called Squid Game. Whilst, I would not expect for primary school children to know or watch the programme, the sad reality is that some will. For those parents who are not aware Squid Game is a South Korean TV programme, which centres around players who play a series of games, all of which have deadly consequences. The programme is violent. Given the popularity, it is probable that some children may be introduced through other games such as Roblox which have tie-ins into Squid Game. We, as a school, will monitor and intervene where necessary. Please support the school and ensure that your child/children are not exposed to the completely unnecessary and gratuitous violence at such a young age. Many thanks for your cooperation in the matter.

Foodbank and Harvest Festival:

Many thanks to all of you, who donated to our Food Bank. Your donations are always so greatly received by those who are less fortunate then ourselves. We will also be welcoming our Year 3 parents this Thursday to watch our Harvest Assembly. Please click here for the thank you letter from Chiltern Foodbank.

Ufton Court:

Year 4 had a very successful trip to Ufton Court to coincide with their topic on the Ancient Greece. I would like you to be aware that the children's behaviour was exemplary (as commented by the staff of the venue) and they showed a real interest for the topic studied. I am so very proud of them and they are a true credit to the school and most importantly to you the parents.

11 Plus Results:

Today our Year 6 pupils will receive their 11 plus results. As always, I ask you to exercise sensitivity and a positive attitude around the subject. We are very lucky in Buckinghamshire to have a selection of very good secondary schools, and I am sure your children, with the right work ethic and attitude, will continue to thrive wherever they will be.

A note from Mrs Richer, Our SENco:

'Walking With You' is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties and neurodiversity. You can sit and discuss shared experiences with other parents over coffee and biscuits as well as having a group Q&A with mental health prefessionals from CAMHS. Please click here for dates and information. Please also click here for the latest news from CAMHS detailing support for mental health.

Eco Friendly Lunches:

This week in assembly we discussed Eco friendly lunches and our Eco Council would like to remind you to bring in packaging free lunches wherever possible. Please see their flier here for further information.

From Woodland Adventure Club:

A reminder that Woodland Adventure Club is running a one-off session of Autumn activities at Woodside during half term. Please click here for details.

Finally, please help us if you can! We would like to move some large logs on site in our Forest School and **would appreciate some help from anybody with a small JCB or similar**. Thank you in advance.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Dorota Milner

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Half Term Dates:

Break Up:

Friday 22/10/21 3.15 pm

Back to School:

Tuesday 2/11/21

PTA Break the Rules Day:

22/10/2021

Bags to School Collection date:

3/11/2021

Parent Evenings:

2/11/21 and 4/11/21

Open Mornings at Woodside Junior School (for children joining Year 3 in September 2022):

9/11/2021 and 10/11/2021

E-Safety Workshop for Parents:

12/11/2021 9 am

304 Cedar | 424 Elm | 308 Maple | 429 Willow

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