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Thank You

The staff would like to thank you for the many messages, cards and gifts they received from the children at the end of last term. Your kindness and good wishes are much appreciated.

Parental Drug Awareness Workshop

If you are concerned that your knowledge is limited or out of date, please come along to our Drug Awareness Workshop specially designed for parents/carers. This will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday 25th January from 6.00pm to 7.30pm

The workshop aims to:

- Provide relevant, up-to-date information about alcohol, cannabis, cocaine and Psychoactive Substances (previously known as 'legal highs') in a safe and familiar environment.
- Offer strategies for parents to have open conversations with their children about drug and alcohol misuse.
- Promote ways parents can help children make positive, healthy choices.

As well as a practical presentation and informal learning activities, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and find out where to go for more information and support.

Please let us know if you are coming by completing the reply slip at the foot of the letter which we will be sending home soon.

We look forward to welcoming you.

KS2 Disco

On *Thursday 26th January* we shall be holding a KS2 disco from 7pm – 9pm. Tickets costing £4.00 will be on sale in the dining room from *Tuesday 24th January*.

Y1 and Y2 Family Literacy Learning

We have a five week course starting next *Tuesday 10th January from 9.15am to 11.15am*. Parents work with their children for the last hour, which the children really benefit from. There are still a few places available. If you are interested, and have not already replied, please contact Jennie as soon as possible.

Nursery Parents Meeting

The second information meeting for parents of Nursery children will take place on *Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm*. This session will cover Early Reading, Writing and Maths.



Y2 Parents Meeting

There will be an important meeting for parents of Y2 children where information about the end of KS1 assessments will be given. Expectations of the tests and assessments will be explained as well as ideas for supporting the children's learning at home. The meeting will take place on *Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm.*

Y6 Parents Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of Y6 children on *Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm.* The end of KS2 tests will be explained and their expectations for the children. Ideas to help you support your children's learning will be given.

Families Feeling Safe – Protective Behaviour Courses

There are two sets of eight meetings being run for different age groups. Age 5-12 on *Fridays (starting on 27th January) 9.30-11.30am* at Laurance Haines School and for Secondary pupils on *Tuesday evenings (starting on 24th January) 7-9pm* at St. Joan of Arc School.

Areas of concern covered are self-esteem, managing worries, peer pressure, coping with change, knowing how to get help, stay in control and make choices.

There is also an introduction session for parents who want to find out more on *Friday 20th January at 9.30-10.30am* at Laurance Haines School. See posters on notice board.

To register for a place contact Vicky on 01438 728653 or email vicky@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk

INSET Day

I would like to remind you that school will be closed for one day after the February half-term, *Monday 20th February*, for staff training.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Nursery

Melisha G who achieved Award 1 of the ASA Duckling Award Scheme.

Reception Lisbon

Evie E who received a gymnastics certificate for passing 'balance'.

Year 1 Lisbon

Oscar K who won a trophy for 2016-2017 season winners.

Ruaraidh McL who achieved the ASA 10m Distance Award for Swimming.

Year 1 Padua

Aleksija WP who received a Year One Award Certificate for Performing Arts.

Samuel B who achieved the ASA 5m Distance Award for Swimming.

Dalia C who won four medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.

Eve M who won two medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.

Jaimee-Lee H who won a trophy and two medals in an Irish Dancing Feis. She also achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 2 Lisbon

Esme BA who achieved Stage 1 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 2 Padua

Deborah D who won a 'lion of the match' trophy from Garston Ladies Football Club.

Ava H who won a trophy and five medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.

Renato H who achieved the ASA 5m Distance Award for swimming and Stage 2 of the Learn to Swim Award. He also received a certificate for Performing Arts.

Year 3 Lisbon

Victor R who achieved the ASA 20m Distance Award for Swimming.

Maylene M who achieved her yellow belt in Karate.

Mia I who achieved Stage 7 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 3 Padua

William C who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Joseph B, Louie S and Luca S who all achieved their yellow belt in a Karate grading.

Jennifer N who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Mia F who passed her Under 8 Dance Test 2; Disco Freestyle exam with Honours.

Ceylon P who achieved Grade 1 of the ASA Water Skills Award.

Louie S and Luca S who achieved the ASA 20m Distance Award for Swimming.

Year 4 Lisbon

Katie W who achieved the ASA 10m Distance Award for Swimming.

Iona E who won two trophies and eight medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.

Natalia L who received a certificate from British Gymnastics.

Jasmine A who received a certificate from Watford School of Music for her participation in a concert.

Year 4 Padua

Mia H who received a 'player of the match' trophy from Garston Ladies FC.

Imogen P and Graeanne P who both achieved the ASA 20m Distance Award for Swimming.

Amber B who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 5

Kelly O who received a performing arts certificate for her 'outstanding contribution' throughout the year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 4 th Jan	Term Starts
Tue 10 th Jan	Y1 and Y2 Family Literacy Learning Sessions begin at 9.15am
Mon 16 th Jan	Visiting theatre shows for KS1 and Early Years FS classes
Wed 25 th Jan	Drug Awareness talk for parents at 6.00pm
Thu 26 th Jan	KS2 Disco – 7.00-9.00pm Information Session 2 for Nursery Parents at 7.30pm
Wed 1 st Feb	Information meeting for parents of Y2 children at 7.30pm
Thu 2 nd Feb	Information meeting for parents of Y6 children at 7.30pm
Fri 10 th Feb	School closes at 2.30pm
Mon 13 th -Fri 17 th Feb	Half term – school closed
Mon 20 th Feb	Staff INSET day - School closed
Tue 21 st Feb	School resumes

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