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Tansley Primary Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year - we hope you had a lovely Christmas break! I have been very impressed with the way the children have returned to school – straight back into the swing of things and ready for the new term and I have heard numerous discussions related to resolutions for the year ahead between the staff and the children.

Please see the class pages of our school website to find out what your child is learning about during the spring term. Topics across the school this term include what makes a machine marvellous? Australia and The Greeks.

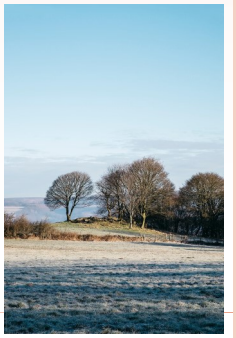
With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year, yours

Mrs S Barker

Interim Executive Headteacher

Uniform

The staff and I would like to thank all our parents who make sure their children arrive at school in the proper school uniform. However, some staff and even some parents have noticed increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform—mainly this is children forgetting what's allowed and what isn't. This reminder also relates to jewellery, if ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons. These should not be worn on PE days, but if they cannot be removed, they must be covered up with tape which each child should keep in their bag. Please check the school website where details related to our school uniform and PE kit information can be found.



Winter Weather Information

In the event that school should have to close due to the weather, we would alert parents and carers via text/email messages on Parenthub, and the school website. If there has been heavy snow overnight, we could also delay opening in order to make the site safe and allow staff time to get to school. We will notify you by Parent Hub and via the school website. If there is heavy snow during the school day, we will inform you by text of any early collection arrangements. In the event of snowy conditions after school clubs including Treehouse may be cancelled.

Let us know when…

There has been a change of contact details - if you have a new phone number, email or address please notify school so we can update your details.

Change in collection arrangements - if your child is being collected by a different adult please call, email us or let the class teacher know.

Change in medical needs – if your child has been recently diagnosed with a medical condition we should know about e.g. asthma. Please contact school.

Change in circumstances – if there has been change within your family/personal circumstances which you think may affect your child and we need to be aware of please tell us so we can support if needed.

Key dates:

- **Thursday 11th January—Tuck Shop re-starts**
- **Thursday 11th January—PSCOs in school to talk to the children about staying safe online.**
- **Sunday 14th January—Closing date for Reception 2024 applications**
- **Monday 15th January SATs chat for year 6 parents only after school**
- **Wednesday 17th January Building Blocks**
- **Wednesday 17th January—Welly Wednesday Elms**
- **Thursday 18th— January Swimming re-starts for Elders**
- **Thursday 18th January Parental Phonics Information Workshop—Reception**
- **Monday 22nd January—Year 6 Booster and Biscuit Club starts**
- **Wednesday 24th January—Welly Wednesday Oaks**
- **Thursday 25th January Yr 3 Health and Wellbeing Event at Highfields**
- **Thursday 25th January Parental Phonics Information Workshop Year 1**
- **Friday 26th Greek Day for Elders and Sycamores. Please see previous letter for details**
- **Friday 2nd February Sycamore class assembly**
- **5th February—Children's Mental Health Week**
- **9th February—Safer Internet Day**

FOTs will also be hosting another Bags R US event this month, after the success of last time. Please collect as many unwanted and outgrown items of clothing as possible and bag these up to bring to school for the 25th January. Your child should have brought home a donation bag this week, please check their school bag. School is paid by weight of clothing items to help raise money for Friends of Tansley Primary School.

Up and coming FOTs event—The FOTs Team will be hosting a Quiz Night at The Gate inn, on Sunday 4th February at 7pm.

Wellbeing Messages

January can often be a difficult month for many people—Christmas is over, the weather is cold with winter stretching ahead of us still and the nights are longer. Many of the things that we do to cheer ourselves up (walks in the countryside, outdoor exercise, playing in the park, enjoying the sunshine …) are all harder to achieve. However, there are some ways that we can help ourselves beat those 'January Blues'. See the tips below for some ideas to try out.

Parents Toolkit:

Wellbeing Check out BBC Bitesize for their wellbeing tips designed for parents to help you support a healthy, happy childhood - with advice on food, sleep, mindfulness, as well as ways to look after you and your child's mental health.

https://www.bbc.couk/bitesize/articles/ z63htrd?

Action for Happiness Calendar:

Happier January 2024. *Action for Happiness* is a charity that promotes a happier and more caring society.

https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar

Top tips to beat the blues

1. Make the most of the daylight
2. Exercise
3. Eat Properly
4. Get enough sleep
5. Identify your worries
6. Get lost in a good book
7. Be kind to yourself
8. Be tech smart and switch off

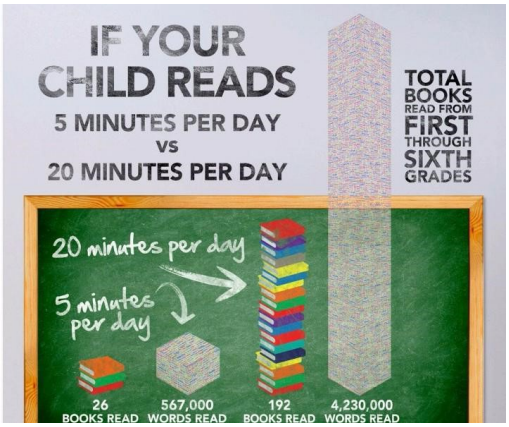
Miss Wholey will also be hosting a Phonics Information Event after School on **Thursday 18th January for Reception parents and then Thursday 25th January for Year 1 parents.** Both events will start at 3.45pm in Oaks classroom. Please can you make school aware of your desire to attend, so we know how many presentation packs to prepare. Parents who have attended these events in the past have commented on how useful and informative they are, to support phonics and reading at home.

Health and Safety Notice

Caution

Please note that we have many rules in place for the use of our climbing equipment. This involves adult supervision during playtimes. Before and after school, this equipment should not be used. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure children are not using this equipment at this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reading Round up



Reading continues to be a huge focus for our school. There has been some fabulous reading going on all around school already this week and all classes started the term studying a book that links into their new topic. As always I enjoy going into some phonics lessons in Oaks class to see how well our Early Readers are getting on!

Please continue to read with your child at home. Being a fluent reader not only improves comprehension but helps across all subjects. If your child prefers to read alone, try asking them questions about what they have read and importantly sign your child's reading record, we ask for four times a week so they can be a part of the termly reading raffle. Last terms reading raffle winners were Beatrix, Isla R, Felicity and Jonty, well done to the four of you and we hope you enjoyed the book you picked from the reading basket.

After School Clubs

Sports for Years Rec, 1 and 2 is on a Monday after school, this term the focus will be dance and gymnastics until Easter. The same theme will be for the junior children on a Tuesday evening as before.

Year 6—As we have done for a number of years, the Year 6 staff will be offering a booster club to support the children with their different areas of learning in the SATs this May. Booster and Biscuits will be on a Monday evening starting from the 22nd of January. It runs from 3.35pm until 4.30pm. The Elders class team will send a letter with further information, please look out for this.

Good attendance is important because statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school then children who are absent will find gaps in their sequential knowledge. For our younger children, both attendance and punctuality are doubly important as they move straight into their phonics groups after the register has been taken. The current attendance from the start of the year across the school currently looks like this:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.76	93.35	94.23	95.20	96.30	92.68	94.29

Well done to Year 3 and 4 groups for having attendance above 95%,.This Friday we celebrated the children's attendance at Tansley Primary School for Autumn Term 2023. 29 children will be bringing home a 95% attendance certificate and a fabulous 22 children will be bringing home a 100% attendance certificate. Well done to all these children, a really good start to the new year.

SATs information evening for parents of children in Year 6

To support the children in Year 6 and their families, Mrs Lamb and Miss Hampson will be hosting a SATs information event. This will be straight after school on Monday 15th January at 3.40pm in Elders classroom. In order that the staff team can sort resources, we please ask that you contact school via info@tansley.derbyshire.sch.uk to make us aware you can attend.