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**Newsletter for Parents and Carers: 13/05/21**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the easing of government coronavirus restrictions over the next month or so. In the meantime, please continue to wear masks on our school premises and maintain a social distance on the school yard. Thank you.

Street Safe is working well. I feel that your children are much safer crossing the road to school at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you all so much for supporting us with this scheme.

Your children have been working very well in school. I visit each class at least once a day and I am always really proud of how they conduct themselves. They are always focussed on their learning and well behaved. I am sure their teachers will say they are a pleasure to teach. School is a very happy and positive place to be, we pride ourselves on that. Please check out and like all the learning that is posted on Facebook and Instagram, your children look gorgeous!

I have been debating PE kit with our children. Both the children and teachers prefer the children coming to school in their PE kit. It saves time in getting changed, so PE lessons are longer and time is not wasted getting changed.

One problem with coming into school in PE kit is that the standard of uniform around school is not up to our usual high standards and some days look like non-uniform days! I have talked to the children about this and they were brilliant in coming up with a compromise:

The children suggested we use plain black joggers, plain black sandshoes/trainers and a Denbigh sweatshirt for our PE kit. I think that is a brilliant idea. The Leadership Team at school would like to move forward with this proposal.

I will send a letter to all parents and carers soon explaining this in more detail. I hope we can start using this uniform after May half term (Y6 children please DO NOT buy anything new!!!), and then for the start of the new school year in September 2021.

Many thanks for your continued support. It is a pleasure to work with yourselves and the children.

Good times are just on the horizon!!

Dr Louise Guthrie



In Reception we have been completing lots of tasks to try and get Miss Clarke's pirate treasure back. We decided to make some pirate ships. First we had to test different materials to see which would be the best to be in water. We wet lots of different things and observed what happened as the water covered them. We even left some all day in special test tubes to see if they could cope with being in water for a long time. We used this knowledge to build our own pirate ships. Carefully adapting junk to create sea worthy vessels. Finally we took the ships outside to test them on the water. Most of our ships sailed and stayed upright, so we are virtually fully qualified ship engineers!



Year 1 are going to be writing an information text all about alligators as their next piece of writing in English. Today we used our time to explore alligators using the internet and information leaflets. The children wrote all of their ideas down on big pieces of paper to share with the rest of the class. Fantastic work, Pandas.



Year 1 Polar Bears have had a great morning building a shelter to protect themselves from a storm. They had to work together to create a shelter which would sleep their whole team. They used their imagination, team work skills and communication.



The Year 2 Dragons have had another art lesson! We practiced our new found knowledge of line techniques and used them to create a landscape. We used cross hatching, hatching, stippling and much more! Here is some of our amazing work. We really enjoyed this lesson!



Last week the Year 2 Dinos had their very own art gallery, looking at each other's printing pieces from last week. They wrote lovely comments on post it notes for the artist to read later.



Year 3 Turtles have had an amazing afternoon finding out how a pneumatic system works and having a go at creating a pneumatic system to inflate a balloon



Year 3 Lizards have loved experimenting with magnets, learning about pushes and pulls.



In Geography, the Year 4 Giraffes have been learning all about the continents of the world. We started the week with a Beat the Geographer quiz, and used our knowledge of the continents to match them to their shape. It was super tricky, but we are really confident now!



Year 4 Elephants are working so hard on their hot writes. We have been looking at adventure stories and thinking about our use of adjectives, speech and suspense to make our stories more exciting. I am looking forward to reading them!



The Year 5 Whales have started a new Geography topic, learning all about the United Kingdom. The children have been using their geography skills to look at maps, find different cities and look at the features of our beautiful coastline



Year 5 have been taking part in a Social Action Project with NUFC. The Dolphins have been thinking of different ways that we can help our local community. For the rest of this half term, we will be planning our ideas and putting some of these into action. So far we have lots of fabulous ideas about how we can work together to help the community.



Year 6 Tigers evaluated the impact of our WAGOLL on the reader. We thought about the effect that features such as emotive language and descriptive language have on us as the reader and identified examples from the text. We then recapped on our class novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.

We are loving this class novel and can't wait each day to read the next chapter.



Year 6 Lions are also enjoying their work around the book, 'The Explorer'. They have been boxing up their writing and looking at examples of features throughout the text.



Finally, if you are out and about this weekend, why not try one of these scavenger hunts. See what interesting things you can find!

### SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

- 🍷 Find a yellow flower.
- 🍷 Find 3 different shaped leaves.
- 🍷 Find something that is red.
- 🍷 Find a spider web.
- 🍷 Find something that flies.
- 🍷 Name 2 things you see in the sky.
- 🍷 Find something that is long.
- 🍷 Find something that grows that is green.
- 🍷 Find 2 birds.
- 🍷 Find some water.
- 🍷 Find something purple.
- 🍷 Find something that crawls.



### RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

- 🌈 Find something red.
- 🌈 Find something yellow.
- 🌈 Find something orange.
- 🌈 Find something green.
- 🌈 Find something blue.
- 🌈 Find something purple.
- 🌈 Name a Fruit that is red.
- 🌈 Name an animal that is yellow.
- 🌈 Name a vegetable that is orange.
- 🌈 Name a plant that is green.
- 🌈 Name a Flower that is purple.
- 🌈 Name something outside that is blue.



### 5 SENSES SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find something that makes a crunch sound.
- Find something that tastes sour.
- Find something that smells good.
- Find something smooth.
- Find 3 of the same thing.
- Find something that smells bad.
- Find something that tastes sweet.
- Find something loud.
- Find something long.
- Find something soft.
- Find something white.
- Find something quiet.
- Find something rough.



## **Summer Half Term Holiday**

Break up Friday, 28th May 2021

Return to school Monday, 7th June 2021

### **Dates for the Diary**

Wednesday, 19th May 2021 - Y6 author event

Tuesday, 25th May 2021 - Y4 and Y3 First aid workshops

Wednesday, 26th May 2021 - Y5 and Y2 First aid workshops

Thursday, 27th May 2021 - Y6 and Y1 First aid workshops

Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th July 2021, Y6 surfing

Tuesday 6th July, 2021 - Y1 Achievement Assembly

Wednesday, 7th July 2021 - Y2 Achievement Assembly

Friday, 9th July 2021 - EYFS Graduation Assembly

Tuesday, 13th July 2021 - Y3 Achievement Assembly

Wednesday, 14th July 2021 - Y4 Achievement Assembly

Thursday, 15th July 2021 - Y5 Achievement Assembly

Thursday, 15th July 2021 - after school Y6 prom

Friday, 16th July 2021 - Y6 Leavers' Assembly