



Reach for the Moon
Week Commencing 28th January 2013

Dear Parents / Carers

The snow was great fun but with the thaw and milder temperatures getting around is so much safer and easier. Not without its bugs though!!

WOW! Korky Paul (Illustrator) is visiting us on Thursday 7th February. Come along after school to buy a Korky Paul book and have it signed by the man himself! He is famous for writing Winnie the Witch and all her friends: Professor Puffendorf, Captain Teachum, Mr Rufus Scumskin O'Parsley, Sanji and the Baker as well as the odd Digging Dog, Scratching Cat and even a Wishing Fish!

SNOW CLEARANCE



During the recent cold snap that we experienced you may have noticed that an effort was made to keep a path clear at all times, which allowed us all to walk freely without worrying about slipping or falling. Due to the area that we have to cover it is not always possible to clear the car park area when we have snow, and as a result you may have seen that it gets quite tricky when we all enter or exit the car park. The ideal solution would be to clear that area of snow before it turns to ice, so if you are free when we have snowfall and would like to help out with this then please let us know. You can contact the school on 01476 564291 and the Site Manager will speak to you about it. We will also use the website, Twitter and Facebook to request help on the day. Every little helps and it would be very much appreciated.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

All our clubs are now up and running, so we hope your child/children are enjoying this extra learning experience.

SWIMARATHON - Friday 1st February

Are you free today from 4.30pm? Please come along to the Mere's Leisure Centre and cheer on the school teams at the Swimarathon. Good luck to everyone who is taking part! As ever the Rotary Club are raising money to eradicate polio a very worthy cause.

HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS AND MONEY

As Food4Thought (our hot lunch providers) are dealing with the administration of lunches, please return your order forms with cheque (made payable to Food4Thought) or correct cash to your child's class teacher. They should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, total amount paid and state days which your child is having lunch. These are then passed directly through to the kitchen.
Thank you.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Always remember to not order a hot lunch for any days your child has a trip out of school.

PTFA - FAMILY BINGO - Friday 8th February

Please send in your slips to confirm your attendance at this fun FAMILY BINGO! You are all welcome to come into the hall

immediately after school, but the Bingo will actually start at 3.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented to KS1 - Class Tigers 92.80% and KS2 - Class Lemurs 95.76%. Well done children!

Key Stage 1

3rd - Meerkats 89.17%

2nd - Leopards 92.17%

1st - **Tigers 92.80%**

Key Stage 2

2nd - Lions 95%

2nd - Zebras 95%

1st - **Lemurs 95.76%**

Overall - 90.91%

We appreciate that the weather conditions were a little difficult last week due to the snow and ice, but the majority of our staff managed to get into school and it is disappointing that the overall attendance percentage has dropped significantly.

SLAPPED CHEEK

We have recently had a few cases of Slapped Cheek in school. Slapped Cheek syndrome (also known as "fifth disease") is a type of viral infection that is most common in children, although it can affect anyone of any age.

Slapped cheek syndrome usually affects children between the ages of 3 and 15. Most cases develop during the late winter months or early spring.

The most common symptom of slapped cheek syndrome is the appearance of a distinctive bright red rash on the cheeks. This is how the condition got its name.

High-risk groups

If you're in a high-risk group, for example, if you are pregnant or you have a weakened immune system, a blood test may be recommended if you have been in close contact with someone who is known to have the infection.

The blood test can be used to see if you are immune to the infection. If you are not immune, treatment can begin immediately to prevent complications.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

It was our first session of table tennis in school last night and what a success it was! Thank you to everyone who came along. The children were great, so much hard work, enthusiasm and a lot of good quality players. Several Dads came along and joined in with the whole group. Are there any other budding Table Tennis players out there who would like to join? If so, please come along next Wednesday at 3.30pm (numbers are limited).

LAST BUT NOT LEAST A HUGE THANK YOU to Michael Bensley from Speedihire Services, for arranging a tower scaffold, free of charge, to enable our Wall Hanging to be fixed in the hall. We are extremely grateful to you for your help.

Diary Dates

PTFA Meeting Wednesday 6th February 9am

Family Bingo Friday 8th February 3.30pm

Term Ends Friday 15th February

Term 4

Term Begins Monday 25th February

Class Photographs Wednesday 20th March

Parents' Evenings (March - date to be confirmed)

Term Ends Thursday 28th March

Term 5

Term Begins Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May

Y6 SATS Monday 13th - 17th May

Y3, Y4, Y5 SATS (date to be confirmed)

Term Ends Friday 24th May

Term 6

Term Begins Monday 3rd June

PTFA Summer Fayre Saturday 6th July

End of Year Reports to Parents Friday 12th July

Term Ends Tuesday 23rd July

