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Library

On Wednesday 13th September our new school library was launched, to coincide with Roald Dahl day. Mr James visited to officially open our library and the pupil's produced artwork related to Roald Dahl's books throughout the day. The space we have used is within the 'Wisdom' room in school so we hope the pupils will use it to learn lots of new wisdom as well as get lost in a story or few. A big thank you to volunteers from Arena church who painted the room for us and to Mrs Charlesworth for co-ordinating it all.



Goose Fair Themed Dinner!

On Thursday 5th October our special themed school dinner to celebrate Goose Fair returns! On this day the menu will be:

Hot Dog (vegetarian available)

Chips

Mushy Peas

Sweetcorn

Ketchup

Butterscotch tart for dessert

All Foundation and KS1 pupils will be offered this dinner. Pupils in KS2 will be required to book on the day.

Walking home

I have received several requests recently that pupils be dismissed at the end of the day to walk home alone. In line with our child protection policy, from this September it outlines that pupils from Year 5 or below MUST be dismissed to a responsible person at the end of the day and are not to walk home alone. Pupils in Year 6 may be developing their independence and are permitted to walk home alone if the school has been notified of this arrangement. This is so pupils are safeguarded correctly from harm, balancing the need to learn independence in older years. Thank you for supporting in this matter.

Celebration Worship Thursdays

In our celebration worship on Thursdays, we usually invite parents and carers of the class that is sharing their learning. Due to our changed times of day, all Collective Worship now takes place in the morning. The class teacher will send you an invite if your child's class is performing but these will now start at 9am for approx. 20mins. Please come to the office gate should you wish to join us, and you will be admitted once the children are seated.

Academisation

In July I wrote to inform you that the school is seeking to join Archway Learning Trust and become an academy. On Tuesday the parent and carer meeting took place, allowing you the chance to find out more about the Trust. Our stakeholder consultation is open until 19th October where you can post any comments or questions relating to this matter.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kg5HNXiRNc>

Can you help ?

Foundation are looking for a donation of picture frames to be used for a special display in their classroom. If you have any wanted picture frames, please send them into Foundation.

Many thanks,

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PTFA News

On behalf of the PTFA welcome back to a new academic year, and welcome to our new parents/carers of the Foundation Stage children.

The PTFA had a busy year, with lots of exciting, successful events throughout, and we look forward to another fun filled year. With all your support, we have raised over £5,000 for the enrichment of the children's education and with this money we have booked a whole school trip to watch 'Cinderella' at the Playhouse. This will take place on Tuesday 12th December - further information will be available closer to the time.

We are currently planning a 'Movie Night' and a 'Christmas Fair'. The fair will be held in school on Friday 1st December, 4:30pm - 6pm. We will have a variety of stalls, refreshments, games and Santa's Grotto. An exciting event, to get us all into the Christmas spirit.

In January we will be holding our AGM and over the year, we are hoping to organise a Fashion Show, Quiz night, Valentine's Disco and many more.

We thank you for all your support and hope that you will be able to join us at some of these events.

Fay Jackson
PTFA Chairperson

Awards

Platinum awards week beginning 18th September - C3 Franco, Jasmine, C5 Alice

Times tables award week beginning 18th September - C4

Attendance award week beginning 18th September - C1

Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th/Thursday 28th September - autumn term parents evening

Thursday 5th October - Goose Fair theme dinner

Wednesday 18th October - After School Church ((bookable at afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com)

Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd October - half term holiday 2 weeks

Monday 6th November - pupils return to school

Friday 10th November - KS2 Remembrance service Colwick memorial point

Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November - Y6 residential to Rock UK

Monday 13th November - Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 15th November - After School Church (bookable at afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com)

Wednesday 6th December - After School Church (bookable at afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com)

Wednesday 7th December - Parents support group for mental health coffee morning

Tuesday 12th December - whole school panto trip return 6pm

Monday 25th December - Weds 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January - pupils return for the spring term

Mental Health Support

As well as the mental health support we offer, as a school for your child there are also places you can access support.

The Samaritans offer emotional support 24 hours a day - in full confidence.

Call 116 123 - it's FREE.

Or email ku.gro.snatiramas@oj.

For free, confidential support, 24/7, text SHOUT to 85258.

If you are struggling to cope and need to talk, trained Shout volunteers are available day or night.

Shout can help with urgent issues such as:

Abuse

Anxiety and stress

Bullying

Depression or sadness

Loneliness or isolation

Panic attacks

Self-harm

Suicidal thoughts

Find out more at <https://giveusashout.org/get-help/>

Anxiety UK was established in 1970 and is run by and for those with anxiety, offering an extensive range of support services designed to help support those affected by anxiety disorders, anxiety and anxiety-based depression.

Services available include:

Helpline services - 03444 775 774, open from 9:30am to 17:30pm

Mon to Friday, along with a text service 07537 416905 and 'Ask Anxia' chatbot service, available 24/7 for all anxiety queries at anxietyuk.org.uk.

You can talk to CALM about anything.

Call the CALM helpline on 0800 58 58 58 or use their webchat here.

The helpline and webchat are both open 5pm to midnight, 365 days a year.