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*'Developing the whole child'*

Newsletter Friday 20th September 2019 Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

**Welcome to our Reception Year 2019** We have been delighted to see our new Reception children settle so well. They have enjoyed the sunshine this week and both our outdoor and indoor learning opportunities. We welcome them to our Friday Special Mentions Assembly at 3pm in the hall for the first time this week. They are pictured below during their first week in school.



**Coffee morning for Reception parents/carers** on Friday 27th September in the hall from 9.00am to 10.00am. This is a good opportunity to meet other parents/carers and to chat informally to Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Parr. Friends of the School members and Governors are kindly hosting this.

**A love of Reading!** Sharing books with your child, reading stories to them, listening to them read and discussing their book with them is shown to be one of the most important things you can do to ensure success for your child in school. This needs to carry on up to Year 6. Research shows that reading a couple of pages of your child's book at bed time even when it is Harry Potter, The Secret Garden or novels by Antony Horowitz is hugely valuable. Make sure you still hear your child read and discuss the meaning of the text with them when they are in Year 5/6. Class 4 have finally received their planners this week (a delay with the printers) so please sign regularly to show you have engaged with your child about their book. **A great way to earn house points!**

### **Roald Dahl Day**

Class 2 had fun with 'The Enormous Crocodile' He was recreated on our playground. Class 4 created their own 'Dream jars' - you can read them around school; filled with inspirational hope.



**Year 1 and 2 Multiskills** Everyone enjoyed their morning at Richmond School developing a variety of PE skills.



**Class 3 Danelaw Viking Village Living History Experience Tuesday 1st October** To support their History work Class 3 have consent forms and information about their visit to spend the day as Vikings.

**Cross Country Competition for KS2 Wednesday 2nd October** This competition is held at Richmond School and allows us to enter 5 boys and 5 girls from each year group. We have all been practising hard. Children who have been selected have received letters today.

**Whole School Theatre Performance of 'The Railway Children' Thursday 3rd October** A theatre company will visit school on Thursday morning 3rd October and the whole school will enjoy a live theatre performance. This is funded by Friends of School once again.

**Fantastic Fundraising from the Summer Fair** A huge thank you to Friends of the School and to all our parents and friends in the local community. **We raised £1,860** at our Summer Fair—the best ever! This has helped to fund our new laptops.

### **Healthy Child Team Messages:**

**Year 1 Hearing Checks** Year 1 hearing checks were carried out on 9.9.19. If you do not hear from the Healthy Child Team within 2 weeks please assume your child has passed. If your child was absent on this date they will be screened at a later date and usually before December.

**Reception Health Questionnaire** Reception parents have a letter informing them about Health screening for Reception children and asking you to complete a short online questionnaire.

**Flu vaccine** Please see the letter sent home today and register your consent for children from Reception to Y6 to receive this vaccine in school.

**If you need help to complete any of the above online please speak to us.**

**Fundraising with Bags2School** Friends of the School organise this fundraising activity. Bags should be returned by 9.00am on Wednesday 9th October.

**Diary Dates for the term** can be found on our website under School Information/Calendar.

**Term dates for the year** can be found on our school website.

**Special Mentions Assembly and Newsletter Reminder:** We have Special Mentions Assembly at 3pm every Friday and all parents/carers are welcome to join us for this in the school hall. It is an opportunity to hear more about what your child has been learning and an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and share in the success of others. Children may bring in certificates and awards achieved outside school to share with us. This newsletter is sent out every Friday and uploaded onto the school website. **If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send an email to the admin address above.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Your sincerely,

Nicola Dobson