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# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ♥

Dear Parents,

January has marched past and it is hard to believe that we only have two weeks until the end of this half term.

I always want to share the exciting things that we have been doing and are planning. You will have seen on Twitter many of the activities from Scottish dancing, Dave and his Van, Police Officer and Car visit, writing competition runners-up and Number Day are just a few. Please follow us on Twitter to see more.

In our younger classes, Nursery Butterflies and Reception Meerkats, Tapestry is used to share photographs, comments on what children have been learning and there is an opportunity for parents to add to this. Every parent in these classes has a log in and password; I have been delighted to see so many new parents activating their accounts. If you have had problems with this please come in and discuss this with either Mrs Cadman or Mrs Croker.

We also use our class assemblies and class newsletters to share information and events. If you can think of any other ways for us to improve communication please share these.

My main piece of news is that Mrs Cadman, PE Coordinator and Nursery Lead Teacher, has been successful in obtaining a grant for a running track on our main playing field. The Government want all children to develop healthier and more active lifestyles. As you know we have been successful in achieving the Sport Gold Mark for two years running to show that we fully support this. We are keen to do more to help all children develop good levels of activity. The track will be two lanes wide and will run around the perimeter of the field leaving space in-between for other sporting activities. We are hoping, weather permitting, for the work to be completed during February half term. Once in place children will use this to develop their stamina whilst running, walking or jogging. We are planning an opening ceremony combined with Race for Life and will be sharing more information once we have the track installed. I can't wait to see it.

Ms French, Eco-Warrior lead as well as our Inclusion Leader and Science Coordinator, will be working with the Eco-Warriors to support Corby, **Great Big School Clean – 22 March** and **Great British Spring Clean: 25 - 29 March** more information will be shared closer to the date.

Finally, Bug Club and Maths challenges are set for each child on Active Learn. This provides children with reading, comprehension and maths activities that they can use to develop these skills. Every child has a log in and password. We will be using this as a main homework activity. If you are having problems logging in or being able to use this at home please come in and talk to the classteacher. For those children who do not have internet access at home we offer homework club after school and for some children during lunchtimes. Please see the second page of this newsletter for more information.

We hope that you all have a pleasant half term break.

Mrs Inga Bain (Principal)

**Integrity Manners Pride Respect Encourage Succeed Spirit**

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## Dates for the Diary

We will be sharing dates in the diary on our website in 'calendar' and also on What's On? We share lots of events and information on our Twitter page. Please follow us.

### Diary Dates:

February 4th Golden Eagles Egyptian Workshop

February 8th Clowning and Mime Workshop Year 3

February 5th Chinese New Year

February 12th Safer Internet Day

February 13th Class Photographs

February 13th Golden Eagles Dentistry Workshop Careers and Employability

February 14th Valentine's Day

February 15th Mental Health Awareness Day

### February 15th End of Term - Academy Closes

**Class Assemblies, Fridays at 9.00 a.m.,** parents will be invited to attend their child's class assembly. Other parents will be invited if their child is receiving an award. Please bring invite along to Reception to comply with health and safety practice.

1st February R 8th February Y6

15<sup>th</sup> February End of Term Assembly whole school/Award

1st March Y3



**NSPCC Number Day**—The fantastic sum of £174.10 was raised .

Many thanks for all your donations.

## WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO USE BUG CLUB?

- Read the parents' help and watch the video.
  - Find quality time to spend with your child as the electronic books are intended to be shared with an adult.
  - Talk to your child about the book they have chosen.
- Challenge your child to be a book detective: look at the book cover and see if they can guess what the book will be about or what type of book it is
- Initially they may want to listen to the book and can do this by pressing on the speaker icon
  - Now get your child to read the book getting them to use their different strategies like phonics, tricky words, and the context of the sentence.
  - Re-read the book if necessary. Your child should be able to read it independently before they move onto the next book.
  - Take time over each book to get the most learning from it.

We hope that you enjoy using these resources.

