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Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Showing our value of Friendship

Emeralds & Amethysts: Dwayne & Harry

Rubies and Sapphires: Daniel & Delilah

Diamonds: Joshua

Value of the Month

Friendship



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Angelina, Kobi & Ava

Rubies and Sapphires: Chloe H & Alysha

Diamonds: Ethan W

Children's Learning

It has been lovely to see all of the wonderful things that the children have been learning about this week. In Diamonds Class this week the children have been looking at the fairy story the three little pigs. They were encouraged to retell the story in their own words and write some simple words and sentences to explain what happened in the story. The children also enjoyed creating a character from the story in their Art lesson. In their Phonics work this week the children have been learning the sounds x, y, z and zz. Miss Grahame uses the Twinkl phonics scheme to teach the children their letter sounds and we have been very impressed with how well the children are doing with their segmenting and blending skills. In Key Stage One this week the children started their new History topic on nurturing nurses. They started the topic by thinking about people who are important to them and significant people in the past and in their own lives. In their RE lesson this week the children started their new topic on how and why different religious groups celebrate special times. In Key Stage Two this week the children started their new Science topic on magnets. They talked all about forces and learnt to identify different types of pushes and pulls. In their History lesson this week the children started their new topic on the Anglo Saxons. They learnt some key information to help them to understand why, where and when the Scots and Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain.

Learning at Home

We would like to remind everyone about the amazing opportunities that the children have to continue to learn at home. We are very lucky to have access to several online learning sites which the children can access from home using a username and log in. One of these resources is Giglets <https://giglets.com/>. This website can be used for reading at home. It is especially good for our families who speak another language at home as there are lots of books which are available in different languages. The children also have access to Purple Mash. <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/chalton#/portal/chalton/child> We use this website for our Computing lessons in school and it gives the children access to lots of different ICT activities. The

children can also use the Teach your Monster to Read website to help them with their sounds and reading <https://www.teachyourmonster.org/>. The log in details for these websites should be in your child's reading diary. Please speak to your child's teacher if you cannot find them.

Improvements in School

You may have noticed the skip at the edge of our playground this week. We have been very fortunate to be able to use some of our funding to purchase new carpets for the Key Stage One and Two classrooms and the entrance hall and offices. We are sure that you will agree that they make the school environment look really smart and they will be much nicer for the younger children to sit on during learning time. We have also spent some time improving the Early Years outside garden area. We have had artificial grass fitted and have purchased some new resources to help the Diamonds children with their outdoor learning. In addition we were very privileged to receive some funding from Harmony Energy which we used to purchase some new eco resources such as planters, log cabins and bug hotels for our nature reserve. We are certain that the children will really enjoy using the new outdoor resources especially as the weather starts to improve.

Umbrella's

Miss Mudd is asking if anyone has any children's umbrellas, could she please borrow them for next week. You can either write your child's name on them or she will label it when it comes in so we know who to return them to. Thank you.

Census Day

Thursday 18th January 2023 is Census Day. We are funded for our UNFSM (Universal Free School Meals) on the number of meals taken on this day. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are eligible for these. We ask that, if possible, all eligible children take a school meal on this day. Thank you.

KS2 Sportshall Athletics

Year 3&4 will be attending the Sportshall athletics festival on **Thursday 25th January**. Please ensure that you have completed the consent form to allow your child to attend: <https://forms.gle/z57925HG25fckrRC6>. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit, with a water bottle and **packed lunch**.

Wednesday After School Club – Gymnastics

We are delighted to announce that, after half term, we will be starting a new after school club for Gymnastics on Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Please register your interest in the club here: <https://forms.gle/TzGSwg4vcRyzu7Hu5>

Diary Dates

Thursday 25th January – KS2 Sportshall Athletics

Thursday 15th February – KS1: Nurturing Nurses day & KS2: Anglo Saxon Day

Friday 16th February – Last day of term

Monday 26th February – Children return to school

Wednesday 6th March – Parents Evening

Yours sincerely

Miss Natalie Bill
Headteacher