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Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Working hard with everything

Emeralds & Amethysts: Oliver & Ivy

Rubies and Sapphires: Kieran & Zara

Diamonds: Ronnie

Value of the Month

Love



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Kobi & Finley

Rubies and Sapphires: Chloe

Diamonds: Malachi

Children's Learning

The children have worked incredibly hard this week and have impressed all of the adults in school with how enthusiastic they are with their learning. They have also embraced our new Value of love which we introduced in assembly on Monday.

In Diamonds Class this week the children have focussed on the fairy story of Little Red Riding Hood. They listened carefully to the story and wrote some simple words and sentences to describe their favourite part. They also completed a weaving activity for Little Red Riding Hood's basket. The children tried really hard with this and listened carefully to Miss Grahame's instructions.

In Key Stage One the children have completed their work on multiplication in their Mathematics lessons this week and have now moved on to learning all about division. They have worked extremely hard to learn how to share and group different amounts practically by using a range of objects and counters. In their Science lesson this week the children completed an investigation to identify which materials have certain properties. The children worked in small groups to check which materials were waterproof, absorbent and bendy. They also learnt lots of new scientific vocabulary to describe the materials that they were using.

In Key Stage Two the children have been continuing their learning in English based around the story of Charlotte's Web. The children completed letters of persuasion and letters of apology. In their letters the children made sure that they used interesting vocabulary, used the correct structure for their letter and wrote in paragraphs. In their History lesson this week the children learnt a lot more about Anglo-Saxon settlements including the jobs that the Anglo-Saxons had and what was inside an Anglo-Saxon home. Using the information they had learnt the children worked in small groups to design, draw and create their own Anglo-Saxon village. They looked very impressive when complete.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2024 will take place next week from the 5th - 11th February 2024. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is all about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. To celebrate this in school the children will be taking part in some special activities in class during their PSHE lessons and will find out more about mental health and wellbeing through special assemblies. If you would like to find out more information about Children's Mental Health Week or gain support with children's mental health and wellbeing, the following websites are very useful:

- <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/> More information on Children's Mental Health Week.
- <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/> Lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support with mental health and wellbeing.
- <https://www.home-startcentralbeds.org.uk/> Home-Start Central Bedfordshire provides vital support services to families with young children in Central Bedfordshire as well as Luton.
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> YoungMinds are a mental health charity for children, young people and their parents, making sure all young people can get the mental health support they need.

Lunchtime Clubs

From this week we have started running lunchtime clubs for times tables, drawing and English. This is open for all children in years 2 – 4. Miss Mudd has a signing up sheet in her classroom for your child to add their name to, if they would like to attend.

Safer Internet Day

On **Thursday 8th February** we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. We are delighted to inform you that we have invited SPLATS entertainment to join us for the day and the children in Year 1-4 will be taking part in an E-Safety Quiz show which will then be performed to Diamond Class at the end of the day. There will be plenty of 'internet Safety' activities completed during the day and this is a great opportunity for you to talk with your child about what they have learnt, and to ensure they continue to use the internet safely at home.

Caldecotte Residential – Year 4

Just a reminder that the next payment of £25, for the Caldecotte trip, is due on Monday 5th February. Please make your payment online with Parentmail as soon as possible. Thank you.

Theme Day – Thursday 15th February 2024

Diamond Class: To complete their topic on Traditional Tales the class is going to have a dress up/theme day. The children are welcome to come to school in a fairytale/villain costume if they wish but can also just wear non-uniform clothes and can choose from our dressing up in school to wear on the day as we have a wide selection.

KS1: Will be having a day dedicated to 'nurturing nurses'.

KS2: Will be experiencing life as an Anglo Saxon.

Both classes will be taking part in many activities during the day and are welcome to come dressed in character if they wish. If anyone needs any help with costumes, please let us know as we do have a selection of clothes at school they could use.

Parents Evening

Details have been sent out via ParentMail regarding Parents Evening which is taking place on **Wednesday 6th March**. We will also have a few slots available from 2.30 – 3.30pm on Tuesday 5th March for KS1 only. Please book your 10 minute time-slot by popping into the office or calling 01525872354 or email chalton@chaltonlower.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Thursday 8th February – Internet Safety Day: E-safety Quiz show run by SPLATS

Thursday 15th February – Diamond Class: Traditional Fairytales day. 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

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief

Yours sincerely



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