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## Newsletter - October 2015



The Owlman visited Foundation Stage  
A very brave Aurora!

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

### **Well done!**

#### *Marjorie Boxall Nurture Group Award*

We have achieved the Marjorie Boxall Award for the third time for the work our school nurture group (Sparklers) does in supporting pupils in developing skills and strategies to overcome their barriers to learning. We are the first school in Telford & Wrekin to achieve this award for the third time. I would like to thank the parents of children and governors who came into school and were interviewed as part of this process. The assessors were extremely complimentary about the curriculum offered to the children under the leadership of Mrs Rawlings our SEN lead teacher. We would like to thank the staff who currently work with our nurture group as well as Mrs Clayton who retired at the end of the summer term.

#### *Sportsmark Award*

We have now achieved the Bronze Sportsmark for the way in which we are developing our curriculum and after school clubs linked to sport and PE. Parents can see the way in which we utilise our Sports Grant Funding by looking at our action plan on the web site. Mr Tagg

is working well with a range of staff and agencies to develop elements of competitive sport.

To the 15 parents who attended the workshop for assessing without levels. We have now produced a leaflet to support parents in understanding the new language related to National Standards. A copy of this will be sent home to you by the end of this week. Miss Marriott has developed our school assessment framework linked to the National Curriculum.

This has been so successful that we have managed to sell our system to 40 other schools within and beyond Telford.

Well done to family members who are listening to children read at home we have been impressed with the comments you have made.

Children can now use an online reading programme called "Bug Club" with their own log in information.

### **Health, Safety and Safeguarding**

#### *New Entry System*

Following our safeguarding training during the summer term, we have now reviewed the way in which people enter and leave the building. We now have a new photographic entry system in school.

It is used to record when

- staff enter and leave the building (staff wear identify badges)
- children arrive in after registration and leave before the end of the day
- a visitor arrives in school so that a named photograph can be taken to show who they are and the company they represent

#### *Attendance*

Well done everybody, our attendance is 97.66% for this half term. This is good news as our target for the year is 96%. We have revised our attendance leaflet for parents to update you with information from our Education Welfare Officer, Louise Simmons (see leaflet enclosed).

#### *Headlice*

We ask that parents and carers continue to check their child's hair on a regular basis. We know that children love to be close to their friends and this can cause the spread of headlice. Headlice cannot jump they crawl from one head to another. If your child has long hair try to encourage them to have their hair tied back.

### **PTA - Friends of William Reynolds Primary School**

The PTA have been busy preparing for the Halloween Disco.

This year they would like to use the money raised to buy

- Some outdoor musical instruments for KS1 children
- Play equipment for reception children for lunch-times
- Provide a range of playground markings

Their next planned event is a Bonfire Bingo Evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November here in school starting at 4.30pm

### **Story-telling Round the Camp Fire**

We will be holding a Story-telling Night for children in school for years 1 to 6. Staff will be on hand to tell a range of stories outside by a camp fire.

The art of story-telling can become lost in our modern world. What you may not realise is how important story-telling can be. Telling stories supports children in remembering events in the correct order, develops speaking and listening skills as well as developing social interaction (as the story teller you are constantly checking the effect of what you are saying on the people listening)

A dress code of warm clothing is needed as we will be outside, and children are advised to bring along a blanket or anything else that makes them feel warm and cosy. Each child will have the chance to toast some marshmallows, eat a cookie and have a drink of hot chocolate to enjoy whilst they listen or tell a story of their own!

**Y1 to Y3 - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Y4 to Y6 - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**The stories are due to start at 4:30pm and we ask parents/carers to collect their child at 5:30pm.**

### **Parents are invited in to join their children for lunch**

Parents are invited in on a Friday this term to sample our fish and chip lunch.

Parents of children in Y3/4 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.15pm

Parents of children in Y5/6 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 12.15pm

The cost of a child's lunch is £2.00

The cost of an adult lunch is £2.85

We look forward to seeing you then.

### **Day-time - meetings for teachers and parents**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November Y1 - Miss Jones and Mr Perry

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November Y2 - Mrs Lakin/ Mrs Wilson and Miss Bagnoli

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November Y5 - Mr Tagg and Miss Greenwood

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November Y6 - Miss Blud and Mrs Langham

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November Y3 - Mr Raybould and Miss Burrows

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November Y4 - Mr Wood and Mrs Bowen

### **Y6 Secondary Transfer form reminder**

Just to remind you that your forms need to be returned to school by 23<sup>rd</sup> October or on-line to Telford and Wrekin by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Dates for your diary** - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our web site. A copy of all newsletters can be found on the school website. Further details about start times for some of the events will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

Date	Year group	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm	Parents and children	PTA Bonfire Bingo
5 <sup>th</sup> November pm	Y1 - Y6	Theatre group in school performing Pinocchio
10 <sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm	Y1 to Y3	Stories around the campfire
16 <sup>th</sup> November am	Y6	Author in school working with children
17 <sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm	Y4 to Y6	Stories around the campfire
25 <sup>th</sup> November am	Y1 and Y2	Flu Vaccine in school
26 <sup>th</sup> November am	Y6	Author in school working with children

*Half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015*  
*Last day of the Autumn term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

