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PTA News from Mr Morris

Here at Zouch, we would love to build an enthusiastic and vibrant PTA that helps to enhance, enrich and improve the school experiences for all our children. We would like to develop a PTA made up of parents, carers, friends and allies who are passionate about the well-being and education of the children in our school and bring the communities of school and home closer together. PTAs are always valued by a school and can be responsible for organising fundraising events, social events and a whole host of other activities.

In the first instance we would like to gauge how much interest there is in starting a PTA. If you would like to be part of the PTA here at Zouch Academy, please give your name in at Office. If we have enough interest we will hold a meeting at the beginning of Term 4 to decide what our PTA will look like and how it will run.

School Monitoring

Every week the teachers closely monitor expectations and standards across the school to ensure that we are providing the very best quality education for our children. Last week for example, we looked at the following:

Phonics: Mrs Johnson led visiting teachers and teaching assistants from another local school to look at the high standard of teaching in phonics.

Reading: Miss Smith and Mr Williams monitored reading across Key Stage 2.

Playtimes: Mrs Johnson and Mr Williams looked at playtimes to ensure that children are safe and happy.

French: Mr Williams watched a lesson in Year 4 to assess the standards of teaching from our visiting French teacher from Wellington, Miss Eddy.

British Values: Individual Liberty

This week's British Value focus is on Individual Liberty. Jasmine and Suhana in Snowy Owls can explain it:

What is Individual Liberty?

Individual Liberty means that each and every one of us has the freedom to make their own appropriate choices. In addition, we know everyone has rights and responsibilities, therefore we know that we need to work within boundaries to keep safe.

Why is this British Value relevant in school?

In school, this means everyone has their own choices including joining extra-curricular clubs (e.g. dodgeball, Young Voices, art etc). In Zouch Academy we all have the freedom to choose what we present in assemblies or in lessons to choose the different levels of challenge. This is what Individual Liberty means inside and outside of school.

On the last day of this term we will be having a British Values morning, so the children can learn more about this.

Welcome Mr Webb

We are delighted to welcome Mr Webb to our team for 2020. Mr Webb, a former soldier and current fitness instructor, will take on the PE teaching and sports coaching alongside our curriculum co-ordinator Mr Fry.

Chinese New Year

Thank you to everyone who wore red today in support of our fantastic Chinese New Year events. The children had a fantastic time learning all about this special occasion.

Book Box Visit

Last week, the two founders of 'Book Box Club', a reading subscription box for teens came in to speak to KS2 pupils about an upcoming reading subscription for children. The group talked about why they love reading and supported in creating an engaging name and box design. Kate from Book Box Club said "The children were fantastic, we were amazed by their creativity". Thanks to Mr Morris for arranging this great opportunity!

Winter Weather

Please ensure that children have warm coats in school each day. If we do happen to have significant snowfall this year, the decision to close the school will be made early in the morning and will only be closed if insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely, conditions on the site are dangerous or conditions are considered to become too hazardous for travel. Once the decision has been made to close the school I will ensure that we have notified Spire FM, BBC Radio Wiltshire and BFPS. We will send out a text to all families and update the school website and Twitter.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th February - 14.00

Overseas Coffee afternoon with our FSW Mrs Pelling in Zany Zebras

Thursday 13th February – 09.00

Parents Coffee Morning with our FSW Mrs Pelling in Zany Zebras

Friday 14th February

End of Term – 1pm Finish for Half Term