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The Great British Run 2020!

Today the children completed their *Great British Run* in support of Jordan Wylie's *Great British Paddleboard*. It was great to see the children arriving at school with their trainers on raring to go! Their enthusiasm and determination during the run was fantastic!

The children have followed Jordan's fundraising for three years now so they have a really good understanding of why they are raising money and how it will help build the school in Africa. One child in Ducklings told me: "We are running round school to get charity money!"

Thankfully, the sun shone and the children (and staff) managed an incredible **1732** laps of the 400m course in total!

As a special thank you to the children, they got a surprise! Each class was challenged to come up with a question for Jordan Wylie about his paddleboard World Record attempt and today they watched a short film made by Jordan last night showing them his adventures and answering every classes' questions! What an experience for the children!

I have already heard about lots of sponsorship successes, so now the run is completed, please start collecting the money.

Please bring sponsorship money back to school on – Friday 4th or Friday 11th December. Put the money in an envelope marked "Run".



Parent View – A Message from the Chair of Governors

Parent View is the government website for collecting your views on school. We are always very proud of the feedback we get from parents and we always strive to improve when parents make suggestions. Chris Chapman, our Chair of Governors is trying to collect as many parent responses as possible about our school. Details of how to give your views are on the attached poster. Go to: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to register.

The questions will be similar to those the teachers asked in your recent parents' evenings. In both questionnaires carried out by school this year in March and October, we were delighted that 100% of parents responded positively to almost every single question.

Parent Code of Conduct

We have a Parent Code of Conduct to ensure that all parents abide by the same values that we expect from the staff and children. The following behaviours are not tolerated:

- Disruptive or threatening behaviour
- Rude, loud, aggressive language or swearing
- Openly disrespectful or offensive comments
- Physical aggression
- Recording conversations using a device
- Approaching other people's children without consent

It is also important to stress that these rules apply to telephone conversations with staff and social media posts. Therefore breach of the Code of Conduct and subsequent actions taken will also be strictly applied if comments are made on any online platform.

Thank you very much for your support with this.



Tapestry for Robins and Wrens

Tapestry is our online tool for our Early Years' parents and teachers to communicate with. Not only is this a fantastic way to engage with school but in the event of children being off school, it can keep children in touch with learning. The teachers regularly update the learning so you know what your child is up to!

One of our Wrens' parents, Mrs May, has agreed to be our parent representative for the reception classes.

She will be happy to help parents with how to support their children, engage with Tapestry and answer your questions. Thank you very much to Mrs May for offering to do this important role!

Reading Challenge Update

We are now half way through the Reading Challenge! Some children have managed to read every single day and most children have been reading at least 3 times per week. Children have until 11th December to read as many times as possible at home. At the end of the challenge, we will give certificates for the following:

14 home reads = Bronze

17 home reads = Silver

20 home reads = Gold



Year 6 Practice SATs

Well done to pupils in Year 6 who completed their practice SATs this week. Next Friday Miss Millar and Miss Smith will be sending home their scores and giving you the chance to discuss them if you wish.

Hot Lunches

We have looked into the possibility of once again providing hot lunches for the children. As with all changes to current routines, we undertake a careful risk assessment to look at the safety and potential risks. At the current time, it is not possible to provide hot lunches based on safety. We have up to 200 hot lunches in normal times and getting this number of meals served to children in 15 different bubbles is not possible. We will update you as soon as the situation changes.

We will be able to offer a Christmas packed-lunch – details to follow.

Water bottles

Please can you remember to send children in with water bottles every day.

Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 14 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified.**

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.

Staggered Finish

On the last day of term (18th December) we finish early. This will be staggered in line with the current finish times, so all classes will finish 2 hours before their usual time:

12.40 – Ducklings

12.45 – Robins

12.50 – Wrens

12.55 – Nightingales, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers

13.00 – Skylarks, Eagles, Merlins

13.05 – Sparrowhawks, Ospreys, Tawny Owls

13.10 – Kestrels, Snowy Owls, Peregrines

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 8th December: Rec 2021 Visit

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas, 1PM finish

Monday 4th January: Teacher Training Day

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Tuesday 5th January: First day back for children