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Dance and Forest Schools

This week I have shown around some new families who will be starting at Zouch in January. Two of the opportunities which I was most excited about showing them was our Forest School and Dance provision! We are so lucky to have specialist teachers for these subjects.

Dance with Liam is very enjoyable but it's also hard and creates a good challenge. Our dance this term links to our class theme (World War I) and it's got a marching beat to it. There are words which link to the moves. We make rows and squares where we have to be and Liam always knows if anyone is struggling. Even if you don't like dance, Liam will still make it enjoyable! Liam is the best dance teacher!

By Lillie and Saffire in Peregrines.

This term in Forest Schools with Mrs Batson we have been making amazing dens for dragons (because our class text is How to Train Your Dragon) and special frames linked to Diwali. My favourite activity was a scavenger hunt where we had three balloons and a set of keys and everyone had to find them. We could take different risks but had to try not to pop the balloons!

By Nicole in Ospreys

Dogs:

This week a parent allowed their dog to jump up at a Reception child just outside the school gates. There has also been dog mess left on the pavement by the pedestrian gate. Please do not bring dogs up to school, especially close to the school gates. Many thanks.

Mental Health Awareness

Please find attached the information about keeping mentally healthy during the Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who donated money to **Save the Children** for Christmas Jumper Day this morning. With so many restrictions this year, it was great to see the children taking part in this favourite annual event!

Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in the reading challenge. Today we added up the final week of reading and certificates will be awarded next week as follows:

14 home reads = Bronze

17 home reads = Silver

20+ home reads = Gold



The Great British Run

Thank you to everyone who brought in their sponsorship money this morning. We are hoping to announce the final total raised next week – we are aiming to beat the £2000 which we raised in 2019 for *Running Dangerously*.



Parent View

Parent View is the government website for collecting your views on our school. Thank you to everyone who has done this so far. Chris Chapman, our Chair of Governors is trying to collect as many parent responses as possible about our school. Follow the link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to register.

Christmas Crafts:

Although we are being really careful to reduce the transfer of items in and out of school, some children will be bringing home some small items which they have made on their Christmas activity morning next week. These items will have been only handled by the child who made them.

Parking on pavements:

Parking on the pavement is illegal. Despite polite requests, a few parents continue to ignore this, creating a danger to children who have to walk in the road.

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

Meal Bookings for January

Please book your child's meal for January by **midnight Thursday 17th December**.

Your child will need a packed lunch on Tuesday 5th if no bookings have been made by this date.

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.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas, early finish

Monday 4th January: Teacher Training Day

Monday 4th January: Rec 2021 Visit

Tuesday 5th January: First day back for children