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20th October 2021

Values – Friendship

We have had a fantastic first term of the year! Our **Best of British** theme has been greatly enjoyed by all of the children. We have also learnt a lot about our termly value of **Respect**. Visitors always comment about how polite and respectful the children are at Zouch! Next term, our new value is **Friendship**, so during the holidays, it would be great if you could talk to your children about what friendship means.

We have so much to look forward to next term including exciting new themes and special events such as Remembrance, Children in Need and Christmas. I wish all families a safe and peaceful holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

Communication

At Zouch, we are proud to offer our parents an 'open door' policy. We always do our best to answer questions and queries and give all of the support we can to help you. Mrs Johnson or Mr Williams (usually both) are on the school gate every morning and are always happy to talk. Mrs Pelling, our Family Support Worker, is also available to talk to.

Most day-to-day information can usually be found on the newsletter, school website or via emails from the office. If you have any other admin query, please contact the office.

If your query is to do with your child's learning, behaviour, friendships or other area your first contact should always be the class teacher. If they are not available, they will always get back to you. You can also speak to one of our phase leaders: Mrs Kinderman (Early Years), Miss Hargreaves (Years 1-3) or Miss Millar (Years 4-6).

Mrs Johnson, Mr Williams and Mr Morris are our Senior Leadership team who will also always be happy to help.

Schools starts back on Tuesday 2nd.

Monday 1st November is an Inset Day for staff training.

Safeguarding Updates

Squid Game – this is currently a popular series on Netflix. The BBFC which rates UK film and TV gives it a 15+ age rating citing sexual violence, extreme violence and suicide.

Please be aware that many clips, images and other content from this program can be found on social media, youtube and other sites.

As with all online content, the only way you can guarantee your child's safety is by supervising all internet access on every device.

Next term, we plan to launch a new internet safety feature on our school website which will allow parents to report any online dangers you come across, to help keep other families safe. Stay tuned for more news shortly...

Book Band Update

Our aim is for all children to be reading books at the right level for their age, and the best way you can support this is by daily reading with your child at home. Our reading scheme is divided into coloured 'Book Bands' which the children work their way through. These sometimes overlap so the top of one year group is the same as the starting point in the next year group.

On Page 3 **below**, Miss Hargreaves has provided information to tell you which band a child should be on in each year group. If your child is not yet on this band, they need to practice as much as possible to reach the expected level for their year group.

Themes and Texts for Term 2:

Your children's teachers are already very excited about the themes and texts for next term:

Early Years Theme: *Into the Woods*

Texts: Various, including *The Gruffalo* and *Stickman* by Julia Donaldson.

Year 1 and 2 Theme: *London's Burning*

Texts: *The Gingerbread Man* (Year 1)
Toby and the Great Fire on London by Margaret Nash (Y2)

Year 3 and 4 Theme: *Food Glorious Food*

Texts: *The Runaway Dinner* by Alan Ahlberg (Year 3)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett (Year 4)

Year 5 and 6 Theme: *World War II*

Texts: *Lighthouse* (animation) and *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll (Year 5)
Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan and *The Harmonica* by Tony Johnston

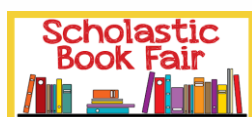
Next term we will be sending home a Curriculum Web to explain more about your child's learning as well as a new 'Expectations' sheet which will give you lots more information about how you can support your child.

Names on uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform, PE kits, coats and other equipment is **clearly named**. We have had a number of parents asking about lost items. Nearly all named items are returned to parents but it's very hard to find items which are not named.

The Book Fair is coming!

Exciting news! On Thursday 25th and Friday 26th November we will be holding a Book Fair in the Key Stage 2 Hall (entrance through office). There will be a brilliant range of new books for you to buy – perfect timing for Christmas presents – and every penny you spend also goes towards new books for the school! More details to follow.



MDSA Role

Please look on the White Horse Federation job vacancy website if you are interested in an MDSA role.

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccination has been postponed until 11 Jan due to the secondary schools getting their covid vaccinations. More information to follow.

Dates for the Term 2:

Mon 1st Nov – Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils.

Thurs 4th Nov – Bonfire Themed Menu. Please see Parent Pay

Thurs 4th Nov – Zouch After School Clubs start, please see letters sent out Tues 19th October.

Friday 5th Nov – Diwali – Children can wear colourful clothes to school to celebrate Diwali

Monday 8th Nov - Sparrowhawk Swimming Lessons

Thurs 25th Nov – Book Fair in KS2 Hall

Fri 26th Nov – Book Fair in KS2 Hall

Wednesday 15th Dec – Christmas Dinner book on Parentpay

Friday 17th Dec – End of Term early finish at 1PM

Diwali Friday 5th November:

Children who celebrate Diwali will be coming in to school in their traditional clothes, children who do not celebrate are invited to wear colourful clothes.

Book Band Colours

Lower School	Colours	Phonic Phase
Reception	Pink	2
	Red	3
Year 1	Yellow	4
	Blue	4
	Green	5
	Orange	5
Year 2	Turquoise	6
	Purple	
	Gold	
	White	
	Lime	

Upper School	Colours
Year 3	Lime
	Copper
	Topaz
Year 4	Topaz
	Ruby
	Emerald
	Sapphire
Year 5	Sapphire
	Diamond
Year 6	Diamond
	Pearl
	Free Reader

Exciting Job Opportunity for a Young Person

We work with a company in Swindon called **Prime Theatre** who provide brilliant opportunities for pupils and teachers in our school in drama and the arts.

As part of the government's Kickstart Scheme, Prime are looking to recruit some young people for roles in schools – including at Zouch! If you know of anyone who fits the criteria and may be interested, please follow the link below on the Prime Theatre website (enquiries must not come through school):

We have an exciting opportunity to give young people a paid trainee role in our school as a Creative Assistant Trainee as an employee of Prime Theatre, one of our school's education partners. Creative Assistant Trainees will support classroom teachers to plan and deliver a range of creative arts activities for our pupils. These activities may include a mix of visual art, dance, drama, and music. Creative Assistant Trainee roles are ideal for anyone with a specific interest in any art form, a general love of creativity or simply looking for valuable experience working with children in a support role. Applicants don't need to be brilliant at any art form, just able to encourage all of our pupils in exploring and expressing their creative imaginations.

Creative Assistant Trainees are paid through the Government's Kickstart programme, a scheme to create work opportunities for anyone aged between 16-24 years currently unemployed and receiving Job Seeker's Allowance. Anyone interested should speak to their local Job Centre to get register their interest.

Creative Assistant Trainees will work in school for a period of six months from December 2021 to May 2022. The deadline for applications is 9am 1 November and further details including hours and rates of pay can be found

<https://www.primetheatre.co.uk/work-with-us/>