

13th March 2015

Dear parents/carers,

Active vouchers

Please donate your vouchers from Sainsbury's – you can even send us ones from your family, friends and neighbours!

Actors' performance

Many of our support staff are trained actors and they are preparing a performance for the pupils in Years 1-4 based on the topic Pre-historic Britain.

Assessments

are now complete. All pupils have made progress and some pupils have made remarkable progress, x2 boys who scored 9 in the Mathematics test during the last assessment point have scored in the 20s this time!

Drop off and collection arrangements

I have been asked to remind all parents/carers to be vigilant in terms of health and safety whilst in the park, particularly related to passing cyclists. Please remember to report any incidents/accidents to us, even if they happen before or after handover times, as we have qualified first aiders on site at all times. Handover from the family to the school staff happens when your child/ren lines up and you make eye contact with a member of staff. Breakfast club staff are not able to take responsibility for other pupils as they already have their group to care for.

Governors

The Local Governing Body met on Monday evening. Some Governors have attended training on data analysis and some are attending finance training in April.

Money and time

During the Spring break it would be very helpful if families were able to spend some time teaching all the pupils about money and how to tell the time.

Money

Reception – encourage pupils to hold real coins and notes. Children think big equals more, so make piles of coins in size order to show that size does not necessarily equate to value.

Year 1 – at the cash machine talk through the process from – entering and shielding your pin number to putting the money safely in your purse. Explain that it is coming out of your account rather than an unlimited pot.

Years 2 – 4 - let children buy something with real money e.g. an ice cream to small lists of groceries.

Time

Reception – pupils should learn o'clock and half past the hour.

Year 1 – pupils should know o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour.

Years 2-4 – pupils should be able to read an analogue clock and a digital clock. They should be able to read accurately to all of the minutes past and minutes to the hour.

Parent/carer consultations

Please sign up with or call Thanjima to make an appointment.

Parent/Staff Association (PSA)

Thank you very much to the x10 parents/carers who attended a lively and interesting initial meeting. Please see the flyer sent home tonight/on the website that invites you to a coffee morning with cake and treats!

Poetry

x2 of our Year 3 pupils and our Year 4 pupil have written poems that are to be published, displayed and distributed. Well done to Alexa, Jeanette and Jahed!

Reception

pupils wrote beautiful letters to thank the Governors for fixing the play deck with the new surface. I wish I had thought about calling them '**guvaninos**' – a much better name!

THANK YOU

Dear ^{governors} guvaninos

Thank you for ^{our} @ Mr Playground

We like ^{running} ranning and ^{balancing} balancing

the children ^{children} like playing on the

^{hula hoops} hoolhoops.

Recruitment

We are now interviewing temporary staff who have applied for permanent positions at Solebay. There will be a future recruitment round in the near future. These are internal appointments.

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Road Safety presentation

All pupils from Reception to Year 4 watched a road safety presentation delivered by an expert this morning. Please ask your child/ren to tell you what they learnt this morning about how to keep safe on the roads and pavements.

School Travel Plan (STP)

Thank you to the further x11 parents/carers who attended the last meeting with Governors to discuss the STP. The Governors discussed their next steps on Monday evening and information from the meetings will be distributed to all.

Science

Our x2 Science days are approaching. If you can point out the buds and blossom that are growing on trees and bushes and the bulbs e.g. daffodils and crocus that are flowering, this would be helpful. Please do not let your child/ren pick the flowers in the park though. If you can help your child/ren plant a bulb or watch a seedling grow, this will help with their learning.

Spring break additional learning sessions

Teachers will be identifying pupils who will benefit from additional learning sessions during the Spring break. Teachers will use the new assessment data and will let you know individually which days your child/ren will need to come to school.

Trumpet and trombone workshop

Another gentle reminder that your child/ren will benefit from listening to brass instruments and classical music in preparation for the Years 2 - 4 workshop happening on Wednesday 18th March.

World Book Day

The individual books that will be given to every pupil to celebrate World Book Day arrived this morning! These will be sorted over the weekend and distributed on Monday. I hope you enjoy reading the book with your child/ren.

Yours faithfully,



Amanda Phillips
Executive Principal