

LOVELY NEWS

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' as the 'Jeans for Genes' recent fund raiser raised £184.49 for this fantastic charity. It is also nice to report that in the recent Max Whitlock competition, Oscar in Year 2, was highly commended for his fantastic colouring and Olympic design. Well done Oscar!

SPORTING NEWS

Last week saw our Year 5/6 football team play their first league match against Pixies Hill School. I was very impressed with the way in which our team played and the spirit of all of the players. I am very pleased to say that the final score was 2-2, which I think is credit to our team considering they came up from being 2-0 down at half time. Well done Potten End and thanks to our fantastic coaches from ProFormance Global.

I am also very proud to announce that we achieved joint second in the recent cross country race that the children in Years 5 and 6 took part in. Well done everybody - a fantastic result and only 2 points behind the winning school!

REPORTS

You should have received your appointment times for next week's Parent Consultation meetings. I look forward to seeing you all and hope that you will find the meetings useful.

The staff have worked very hard producing the report for this term and I have enjoyed reading how hard the children have been

working and the progress they have made already.

You will also have received a new Home School Agreement which we would appreciate you reading with your child, then signing and returning during the Parent Consultations.

LUNCH BOXES

Please ensure that packed lunches are sent into school in a lunch box and that this is taken home every afternoon. We have a growing amount of rubbish that gathers on the lunch trolley from old containers etc. This isn't very nice and can attract unwanted pests!

FOOTWEAR

Please ensure that your child has appropriate shoes for outdoor PE and that there is a change of shoes available in school. If your child wears boots to walk to school in, they need to change into shoes for the school day.

WINTER!

I am sure you have noticed the weather getting a lot colder (I certainly have). I would therefore be grateful if you could please name all hats, gloves and scarves and ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat for outdoor play.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Rehearsals are beginning this week and the school is full of the sound of singing Christmas songs. I hope you enjoy these songs as I am sure the children will be singing them at home in the upcoming weeks!

Unfortunately, as in previous years, we are unable to offer crèche facilities for younger children at these events as all support staff are involved with school age children either in the hall or in the classrooms.

WALK TO SCHOOL - PARK AND STRIDE

Children are using the Travel Tracker and if they walk from an approved parking location (or all the way!) twice a week, they will receive a badge at the end of the month. The governing body are continuing to liaise with HCC to ensure they provide the additional pavement and parking spaces that were promised and that they paint the appropriate road markings to ensure safety around the new Pre-School entrance.

SPRING TERM

I would like to apologise that due to the logistics of new parent visits for nursery class, Nursery will not be starting back to school until 9 January (and not the 5 January as originally published). The rest of the school will start back on 5 January as originally planned.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Week beginning 21 November is National Road Safety Week and we will be focusing on keeping ourselves safe. Throughout this week we will be looking at lessons focusing on this topic and we will be having a fun quiz on Thursday to end the week.

PARKING AND CHILD SAFETY

Please continue to support us by not parking on Church Road, The Front, The Green or at the eastern end of Vicarage Road. In particular, I would like to remind parents not to park on the yellow lines in Church Road. **The parking restrictions in this road are there for child safety.** I cannot imagine writing a letter to you all talking of

a tragic accident. It is beyond comprehension as all the children within the school are so precious. I would therefore like **you** to think of all the children within the school when 'quickly dropping off' and the dire consequences that could occur to your own or somebody else's child. **I will be endeavouring to be out in the mornings checking how people are parking, as I genuinely care about the safety of the children within our school and I want us to keep them safe.**

CHILDREN IN NEED SPOTACULAR

We would once again like to support this extremely worthwhile charity and would welcome the children coming into school in non uniform including something spotty (if possible) in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.00.

Once again it continues to be a pleasure to be the Head Teacher of such a fantastic school with such wonderful children, staff and, of course, parents. I look forward to seeing you next week during Parent Consultations.

Andrew Morris
Head Teacher