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Dear Parents and Carers,

Rock Challenge News

Our fantastic JRock team came 2nd overall in the Hertfordshire heat on Tuesday. We were very proud of their performance and their conduct on the day - they were a real credit to us. We received awards of excellence for: Lighting, Performance Skill, Entertainment, Drama, Stage Crew and Set Design and Function. Thank you to our fantastic team of parents who have worked so hard for many months on scenery, props, costumes, hair and make-up - and to those who helped with all the transport. A particularly huge thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Marchant who have spent many, many hours in their own time in the evenings and weekends working on the production - I'm not sure that people always realise how much extra voluntary work goes into a project like this.

Goodbye to Mr Kelly

Today we say goodbye and a huge thank you to Mr Kelly. In his time as site manager at St Paul's he has consistently gone above and beyond what has been required in order to keep our school in such good working order. He was recently drafted in to help with our Rock Challenge production to make scenery and help with running repairs - and we even managed to persuade him to come and join us for the day to help with any technical difficulties - there were a few! We are really going to miss everything that Mr Kelly has contributed to our school and wish him well in his new job. We are very pleased to welcome Geoff Stickings to school as the new site manager.

Open morning: Wednesday 1st March, 9.30 - 10.20am

Next Wednesday you are invited to come and visit the school 'at work'; the focus is maths. All visitors *must* sign in and out at the office and wear a visitor's badge. It is important that all visitors leave the premises by 10.20am so that we can safely supervise the children at break.

Diary Dates

(new events highlighted)



February

24th - Rock Challenge assembly

March

1st - Open morning: maths

2nd - World Book Day

Tag rugby tournament

3rd - Y2 value assembly: Service
FOSP School disco

6th - Gym club assembly

10th - Y4 sharing assembly

13th - Netball v St Thomas More

14th - Y3 visit to Lincolnsfield
Centre

15th - FOSP meeting at
Blackwells

17th - Y5 sharing assembly

21st & 23rd - parent
consultations

23rd - Y3 sharing assembly

24th - Reception sharing
assembly: Mothers' Day

29th - Football tournament 5&6

30th - Y6 sharing assembly

Football tournament 3&4

31st - End of term

Please do not bring younger children as this will be distracting for our pupils in their learning (they will already be distracted enough with visitors in the classroom!).

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

There is an extra homework focus on books and reading. To make a change, we are also inviting children to decorate/dress up a vegetable as a book character and bring it into school - we'll all enjoy trying to work out who or what the vegetables represent! Children are invited to dress up as a book character at the disco on Friday if they wish.

FOSP News

World Book Day: If your child wishes to donate a book to the legacy library, they may bring their book in to be stamped with their name on Wednesday and Thursday morning next week. Class Reps for each year group have the book lists for each group, so please speak to them for further details.

The disco is on Friday 3rd March: R/KS1 4 - 5:30pm; KS2 6 - 7:30pm. Nursery children are very welcome with R/KS1 but will need to be accompanied by a parent. Dressing up as a book character is optional (there will be prizes for great costumes!). Tickets will go on sale from Monday morning and are inclusive of a hot dog (vegetarian option available), ice lolly or biscuit and drinks. This should be great fun to end the week - it is the children's disco with the children's tunes!

Pancake Sponsorship Money: Please return any pancake sponsor money to school in an envelope marked with your child's name by Friday 3rd March

New Splat Breakfast Club

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Splat After School Club is hoping to start a new Breakfast Club. They have had a very positive response so far and would potentially be hoping to start such a club after the Easter holidays. They are considering opening from 8am, or 7.45am, the start time depending on demand and staff availability. The club would provide children with a filling and nutritious breakfast if required and a safe, convenient transfer to school at around 8.45am. A range of stimulating and interesting activities would be available for children to choose from, such as games, puzzles and art and craft activities. If you have not already done so and would like to express an interest, please contact Juliette on 01923 262830 or email us at chipperfieldpreschool@hotmail.com or just drop in to see her in the Small Hall right outside the school gates.

With a view to starting the club after the Easter holidays, they are currently recruiting for assistants for the breakfast club. The hours would be Mon - Fri, 7.45am - 9.00am. They are also currently recruiting for cover staff for Preschool (9am - 12pm), Lunch Club (12pm - 3pm) and/or Splat (3pm - 6pm). If you think you might be available to go on their cover staff list, please contact as above.



This Week's Attendance Figures:

Yr 6	Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 5	Yr 3	Yr 4
100%	99.3%	99.3%	99.3%	99%	98%	98%

Overall school attendance: 99%

We do have a number of children who arrive late to school, some quite regularly. This is recorded on registers and affects a child's attendance record; lates are also monitored by the Attendance Improvement Officer in the same way as persistent absentees. County and school policy states that:

"Under the Education Act, a pupil is required to attend regularly at the school where they are registered as a pupil. The school is obliged, by law, to maintain accurate records of attendance and to differentiate between authorised and unauthorised absences.

Parents are made aware that their children are expected to attend school regularly and punctually as well as being properly dressed and in a fit condition to learn... A similar process to persistent absentees may be taken if students are consistently recorded as late."

It does not set children up well for the day when they arrive late and it is disruptive to their learning. Please support your child in ensuring that they attend school on time.

	
Silver Award	Y1 - Annie, Daisy, Ozzy, Harriet, Joe, Samuel, Madeline and Francesca Y3 - Mason, Alex and Eowyn Y4 - James, Bobby, Freddie and Phoebe
Gold Award	Y5 - Sofia and Ciara
Headteacher Trophy	Y6 - Alfie - for working hard, persevering and always doing his best; for being considerate and polite and for being a strong leader for the Rock Challenge stage crew and coming to the rescue with a technical difficulty on the night.

Sports News and Other Activities

Very well done to Ciara S, who got through trials to make the district netball team.

Congratulations to the Hi 5 netball team 1 who won their last game of the tournament on Thursday against Hobletts Manor. The score was 6-3. Well done to Year 6 who represented the school well at an athletics festival against 6 other schools in the area.

Coming up next week:

Wednesday 1 st March 9.30 - 10.20am	Open morning
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day Tag rugby tournament
Friday 3 rd March 2.45pm 3pm	Y2 value assembly: Service Netball v St Thomas More FOSP Disco FS/KS1 4 - 5.30pm; KS2 - 6 - 7.30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, *Caroline Moore* Headteacher