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Newsletter 3: Spring Term 2022

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Welcome

It is great to see the children back in school after the break and we are looking forward to a half-term full of activities.

Attendance and Punctuality

For the two weeks prior to the half-term break overall school attendance was 96.2% and 94.3%. These were above the National and Durham averages; however, I am hoping to see these numbers rise over the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Y1 who currently have the best overall attendance since our return in September. A reminder that we open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.50am and the children start learning straight away! Making sure your child is in school on time is so important.

Curriculum News

Dance Competition: As part of the PE curriculum all classes have completed a 'Dance Unit.' The finished dances were recorded and shared across school for all to see and then the children voted for their favourite Class Dance and the best individual dancers. First place went to Year 6, Second to Year 5 and Third to Year 3. Congratulations to these classes as well as every other class as they all performed so well. The overall individual 'Star Performer' as voted for by the children was Zack B in Year 3; Connie in Y3 was in second place and Oscar in Y6 was third. Overall, 42 other children received Star performer votes... WOW!

Intra School Sports Competition: This Friday we are holding another competition based on 'Invasion games' for all pupils in school. The children will be competing in 'House Teams' (Colours).

Reading at home: Thank you to all parents of children in Reception Class who attended meetings on how to support their children with reading at home. We are planning more of these sessions over time, with Y1 and Y2 following very soon.

Parent Information

Sunnydale Campus – Greenfield College: A reminder that information about the proposed closure of the Sunnydale Site of Greenfield College is available on our website and a copy is also up on the main noticeboard.

House Teams: We have just allocated a 'House Team' to new pupils and reminded our older pupils of their team. These teams are used for different activities in school and on occasions we ask for the children to wear their house colour: either Red, Blue, Green or Yellow. A simple round neck t-shirt would be ideal to add to their PE Kit for this purpose. However, please do not go out and buy anything expensive for this, if possible use what you have! I will be adding more details about this on the website and sending a text message confirming the house colour for your child or children.

Reclaimed Food Stall: This continues to take place every Friday at the front of school. So far we have raised over £200 from your donations. Thank you and well done to everyone involved in making this happen and for your support!

Reminders:

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

Big 'Fancy Dress/Swap Shop' Recycle event in the Car Park TONIGHT!

Comic Relief – Friday 18th March

Term Dates

Friday 8th April – School closes for Easter

reopens Monday 25th April 2022

School closed Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Friday 27th May – School closes for Half Term

Reopens Tuesday 7th June 2022

Tuesday 19th July 2022 – School closes for Summer

Wednesday 20th July 2022 – School closes for Summer

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