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Multi Academy Trust

“learning and growing together”

St. Andrew's Primary

Friday 3rd March 2017

*Deep Christian roots, nurturing
strong growth, flourishing
children'*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Pancake Races on Tuesday morning (Shrove Tuesday) organised by Mrs Melville. It was a very different form of worship, yet just as meaningful and reflective as usual. Father Geoffrey led worship on Wednesday morning and shared with us, the story of the Israelites escaping across the Red Sea as an example of the need for perseverance even when times are tough. It was a great start to Lent and it was also lovely to see parents and governors joining us for this worship.

Sports

Wednesday afternoon saw five very wet and muddy children racing around the cross-country course at Stockland and representing the school. Well done to Josie, Arthur, Owen, Alfie and Daniel – you were fantastic! The next football fixture is in a fortnight away at Charmouth.

Parents Forum

Last night we had a very productive Parents' Forum. Thank you to everyone who contributed questions or was able to attend last night. I will attach the minutes of last night's meeting to next week's newsletter so that everyone is familiar with the queries raised and the outcomes. It was lovely to receive some very positive comments on the progress made since the last Parent's Forum and also the valuable comments for ways of improving the school further.

Stars of the Week

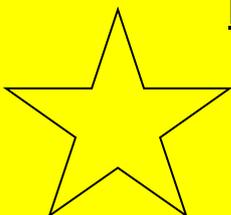
MAPLE– Bertie

HAZEL– Henry

HOLLY– Rebecca-Mai

WILLOW – Maizie

OAK– Daisy



Looking Ahead

Easter Performance

Year 3 and 4 are busy rehearsing for the Easter performance (**Afternoon Performance 29th March and Evening Performance 30th March**). We are taking a different approach this year to our Easter performance and are encouraging the children to contribute more of their own ideas to the play script. Details about performance times and ticket allocations will be sent home next week.

Whilst Year 3 and 4 are rehearsing, the whole of Year 2 are working on literacy and numeracy enrichment activities with Miss Andrews and Year 5 have the same opportunity with myself.

Holly Class Worship

We are really looking forward to Holly Class' worship on Wednesday 22nd March at 9.30am and you are very welcome to come along and watch it with us.

Communion and Easter Services

Our next communion service is on Thursday 16th March at 2pm in the school hall. The end of term Easter service will be held in church at 2pm on Thursday 30th March. Year 5 will be leading the service to which you are all very welcome.

Whole School Attendance:

The whole school attendance last week was 97.6 %

World Book Day

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Yesterday was World Book Day and the school was awash with characters from a huge variety of books. Oak class performed two play scripts; the first written by Jenny and the second written by Jess. We thoroughly enjoyed the class performances and were very impressed with the high standard of writing and performing. Thank you to the parents who were also able to join us. It really makes a difference to the children when they are able to share their talents with a wider audience. Please see the website for more photos.



MAT News

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed Year 2 teachers from all six MAT schools. They spent the afternoon scrutinising Year 2 literacy books to ensure that the level of expectation and challenge is consistently high across all Year 2 classes.

Fos Maypole Dancing

Mrs Furse is very impressed with the children's dancing skills. Please can we ask that parents collect from outside the hall at 4.30pm. The children are looking forward to surprising you with their Maypole dancing at the May Fayre! (No peeking!)

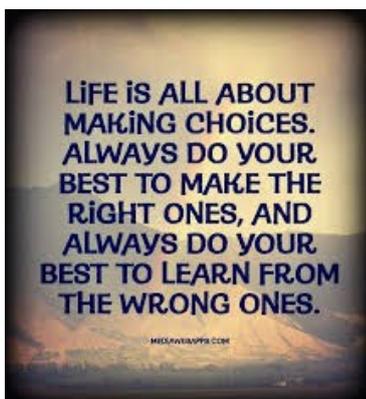
Paignton Zoo

Hazel Class Parents– If you have not yet made your payment via ParentPay please can you do so asap.

Pre-School

This week have enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (please see website for photos) . We dressed up for World Book Day and shared our favourite stories. Today we have cooked hedgehog biscuits ! We have also been using flour to practise our measuring.

Quote of the day



Sickness

For your information we have had 1 incident of sickness at school and we are also aware of 3 children who have had a sickness bug outside of school. Please could you be vigilant in keeping your child isolated for 48 hours if they are sick. We hope that this will minimise any outbreaks.

Thank you for your ongoing support – it is always very much appreciated.

Mrs Gilmour-White

Sports Questionnaire feedback.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the sports questionnaire it was invaluable feedback. The overall sense from the forms was that we have improved in our school sports provision but there were areas we could improve on and we need to keep it up.

Most people wanted more traditional sports on offer or to continue. Examples of suggestions were as follows: Football, Netball, Tag Rugby, Tennis, Badminton, Cricket, Athletics, Rounder's, Cross Country, Gymnastics. The majority wanted more opportunity for competitive sports and for the children to be involved in competitions with other schools. It was highlighted that we should offer anything to engage the younger ones into enjoying sports generally. It was felt that clubs needed to cater for the whole school so families with children in KS1 and 2 could do the same club with the same pick up time. KS1 provision needs to improve generally it was felt.

We had a wonderful amount of parents willing to offer help with sporting after school clubs. This will allow us to offer more free clubs in the future, watch this space. We also had lots of offers of help with transport to competitions and during competitions with marshalling/organising. A big thank you to those parents.

Please find below a list of sports provision currently on offer:

During school hours

Swimming termly rotation of classes, PE provided by Go Active on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays all years covered.

Out of school hours

Before school Running club (Parent and Staff led) – KS2 (although if someone wants to volunteer a KS1 running club in school grounds can be organised but needs one more parent).

Football (Park Trust and parent led) – y2 and above

Street Surfing (Go Active) – KS2

Dodgeball (Go Active) – Y2 and above

Archery (Go Active) – KS2

Competitions

Regular fixtures for inter school football matches, regular fixtures for Cross Country at Stockland. All details on the newsletter.

NOTE: Go Active could look at providing a whole school option for Multi skills for Summer terms. Anyone who wants to start up a parent led club for next term we have a few names of people who might wish to help and a lot of suggestions of what people want!

Thanks again to those took part,

Zoe Betterton - Parent Governor

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 7th March– Friends of School Meeting

Tuesday 7th March– Football Match St. Andrews v St. Michaels home match

Thursday 16th March FoS Xmas Events Meeting

Tuesday 21st March—Maple Class-, AxeVale Bird Park visit to school

Tuesday 21st March– FoS uniform sale

Wednesday 22nd March– Stockland Cross Country

Monday 27th March– Open the Book– All Welcome to attend

Tuesday 28th March– Football Match St. Andrews v St. Marys home match

Wednesday 29th March– Easter Performance Year 3 and 4 Afternoon time TBC

Wednesday 29th March—FoS Yeovil Town Football Club Manager Darren Way opening goals

Thursday 30th March –Easter Performance Year 3 and 4 Evening Performance

Friday 31st March– FoS Easter Egg Hunt and raffle

Friday 31st March– Last day of term

Monday 3rd April– Monday 17th April—Easter Holidays

Tuesday 18th April—Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 19th April—Return to School

Saturday 6th May– FoS May Fayre

Monday 22nd– Friday 26th May Year 6 Knapp house Residential

Dates in red relate to the whole school including pre-school

Dates in blue relate to just school aged children

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