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Dear Parents

Congratulations

Tim Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Tim certificate winners for achieving their very best in a particular area of learning or for exemplary behaviour this week. Our Tim winners are:

- **Reception** -Verity and Lyla
- Year 1 -Edward and Emmie
- Year 2 -Oakley and Merryn
- Year 3 -Harley and Lottie
- Year 4 -Annie and Jorgie
- Year 5 -Archie and Ethan
- Year 6 -Cameron and Harry

<u>Attendance</u>

Our average attendance figure for the week beginning 29th March 2021, was 96.4%. Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 3 on achieving 100% attendance. Super stars!

Recommended Reads

Maths through picture books:

Stories are a great springboard for helping children to understand ideas - especially

abstract ones - in maths. Books for Topics picked out a selection of maths-themed picture books that open opportunities to explore a range of early mathematical concepts.

READ



https://www.booksfortopics.com/maths

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Books of



<u>Year 3 - Egyptian cooking and art</u>

To enhance their learning about Egypt, the children have made Salatet Zabadee, a traditional Egyptian mint and cucumber dip, this week. The children grated the cucumber, chopped the mint leaves and mixed the ingredients together before tasting with their pitta bread or crudités. The dip was enjoyed by all!





We have also been learning about amulets and how the ancient Egyptians believed that they brought protection and good luck. After studying some photographs of real artefacts, the children designed their own amulet, making clear decisions about shape and colour. The children have begun to construct their amulet using cardboard, clay and felt, allowing them to gain skills in sewing and other joining techniques.









The children have explored the work of a contemporary calligraffiti artist whose work has also been inspired by Islamic art. The children have enjoyed this topic and are, quite rightly, proud of their final work.

Well done, year 4.

Hanging Printed Panels

Having explored the vegetal patterns found within Islamic art, Year 4 have worked with care and determination to complete their own work of art this week. They have used rotation and symmetry to consider the composition of their printed natural shapes.



<u> Year 6 - SRE</u>

On Monday and Wednesday, Year 6 completed their 'Sex and Relationships Education' and 'Thrive' workshops with 'The Conversation Stamford Education Team'. The children learnt about a variety of different topics including puberty and respecting differences in families in Session 1. Session 2 focused on the importance of maintaining good mental health and identifying trusted adults. They also rehearsed some 'tricky' scenarios that they may come across in every day life such as, being peer pressured into playing an over-age game, sneaking out to meet friends and the sharing of inappropriate pictures.

Mrs Smitheringale and Miss Cope are very proud of how mature and respectful the children were throughout the duration of both sessions and the professionals also commented on how well-behaved and hardworking the children were too! Well done Year 6.

PTFA - 'Dress Down Day' and Easter Competition

Thank you to all the children who took part in the 'Dress Down Day' today and a special thank you to the children that took such time and care in creating their wonderful Easter bonnets for the competition.

Mrs Joyce had an incredibly hard task trying to pick 3 winners out of all the amazing entrants!



EYFS/KS1











Congratulations to our winners:-

1st prize - Bradley (Year 6) 2nd prize - Lily-Rose (Year 1) 3rd prize - Kai (Year 4)

Thank you to our PTFA for organising this event and for the Easter egg donations to all our children. They were all delighted and very grateful ©

<u> E-Safety Warning – Omegle</u>

It has come to our attention that more children and young people are beginning to use a website called Omegle. Omegle offers a free video chat service that will connect you to a random stranger who can interact with you through text, chat and webcam. There is no safe way to use this website and users will likely encounter adult sexual content and risk encountering predatory behaviour. The attached factsheet has been created. A factsheet has been sent with this week's newsletter. This has been created to educate parents on what Omegle is and how to protect children and young people from its use by encouraging internet parental controls in the home.

Sports Day - A Date for Diaries

As we can continue to follow the roadmap out of lockdown, we are looking forward to possible summer events. One of which is Sports Day. This will take place on **Friday 25th June** for all children. We will, of course, continue to follow the Government Guidance for Schools and more information as to the logistics of this day will follow in due course.

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		Premier PE	Class teacher PE
	Monday		EYFS, Y2 and Y3
	Tuesday	Y4 and Y5	У1
	Wednesday	EYFS and Y6	
	Thursday		Y5 and Y6
	Friday	Y1, Y2 and Y3	

Reminder: PE Timetable - Term 5

REMINDER - FOREST SCHOOL - EYFS Thursday AM YEAR 4 Thursday PM

Starting on Thursday 22nd April, EYFS and Year 4 will have Forest School every Thursday. The children will be outside, whatever the weather, so they need to be dressed appropriately. Please ensure that children wear the following items to school. Please note, children should still wear their school shoes/trainers to arrive in school. They will change into their wellington boots before Forest School begins. Once Forest School is finished, children will take off their wellington boots and wear their school shoes/trainers for the rest of the day:

- Waterproof coat (depending on the weather)
- T-shirt
- Jumper (depending on the weather)
- Jogging bottoms/old jeans/ waterproof trousers
- Thick socks (depending on the weather)
- Wellington boots (in a separate named carrier bag)
- Sun cream (put on before school) and sun hat (depending on the weather)

WELCOME

We would like to officially welcome Mrs Cartledge into Year 6 from 19th April until the end of the summer term. This is to cover Mrs Smitheringale's class for her maternity leave which begins in June. The children met Mrs Cartledge today and gave her a very warm welcome.

We hope that you have a relaxing Easter holiday and enjoy spending quality time together - hopefully in the Spring sunshine! We look forward to seeing everybody back on Monday 19th April.

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Acting Head of School

Mrs K Finch Head of School <u>Upcoming Calendar Dates</u> Monday 19th April -Thursday 22nd April -Monday 26th April -Monday 3rd May -Friday 28th May -Friday 25th June -

Start of Term 5 Forest School starts for EYFS (am) and Year 4 (pm) Year 5 Bikeability week (Monday – Thursday) Bank Holiday End of Term 5 Provisional Date for Sports Day