



Monday 21st October 2024

Dear Families,

We cannot believe we are entering the last week of our half term. It certainly has been an eventful half term with plenty to share with you.

Junior Travel Ambassadors



Our JTAs have already been busy planning for the year ahead and will be introducing themselves and their first competition in an assembly this week. The team will be asking the children to design their very own pair of street smart safety socks. Socks which will aim to keep the children safe and seen during the dark winter months. The children can design their socks using the template provided or if they want to, they can make their own safety socks by 'blinging up' a pair of old socks at home. The team are looking forward to seeing the entries.

Playground Leaders

Our new playground leaders have now set up a range of activities, which they will be delivering to our children across the school every Thursday lunchtime. The list of activities can be found on our website. Last week, the team arranged some art and craft activities for the children in Key Stage 2, played circle games with the children in Key Stage 1 and got our youngest children playing different running games in our Early Years provision. The team are working really well together and they are looking forward to developing their roles in the year ahead.



Animal Visit



The children in Year 2 had a very special visit on Friday, when the Animal Zoo came to visit them in class. The children had the opportunity to see a range of animals including: an armadillo, a tortoise, a snake and a scorpion. Some of the children were even brave enough to have a hold of the snake. The children were very



excited about the visit and they were keen to tell us all about the animals they had seen.

Clink Museum



Our Year 6 children went on a visit to the Clink Museum last week. This linked to all of the learning that they have been doing this half term about 'Crime and Punishment'. There were opportunities for the children to view archaeological artefacts, experience the sights, sounds and smells of the prison, handle torture devices and to view and hear all about the tales of torment and many misfortunes of the inmates of the infamous Clink Prison. They had a fabulous time but returned being very grateful that it is now just a museum.

Pizza Parties

It has been lovely to see the children who have won best attendance enjoy their pizza parties over the past two weeks. Well done to Mandela Class and Ennis Class who received their very well deserved celebrations. We will be going to be changing the way we celebrate attendance slightly from after half term. Instead of each child whose class achieves the attendance target on a Friday receiving a certificate or a pencil, we will be awarding a special whole class **PIZZA** attendance certificate in an assembly the following week. The Head Boy and Girl team are working very closely with Mrs Bull to make further changes to the parties so do watch this space.



Why attending school is so important

As you will all be aware, every child's attendance is tracked very carefully and we do this because our job is to make sure that your child receives the education that they deserve. We know and can see that if a child misses more than 4% of school a year, they will not reach the educational standard expected of them and their attitude to school is at risk of becoming negative and challenging.

We have noticed that having focussed on attendance on a Friday has made a direct impact on having a greater number of children at school, Monday is now a day where absence is increasing.

We can see that children quite often come to school on a Monday very tired, which means that that the children are having far too many late nights and are not ready for a very full day at school. We are committed to planning excellent experiences for your child so we need you to work in partnership to bring them to school. We will be contacting families whose child's attendance is of concern to us to offer support and share our expectation. Thank you.

Class	Percentage %
Einstein AM	94%
Einstein Full Time	62%
Livingstone	92%
Donaldson	92%
Ennis	96%
Wonder	91%
Palin	96%
Lincoln	98%
Milne	89%
Mandela	96%
Pankhurst	94%
Wilberforce	98%
Roots	96%
Da Vinci	93%
Buble	94%
Total	94%

Gather to Give contributions

A huge thank you to all our families who have donated to our 'Gather to Give' table. We will be holding a very special assembly on Tuesday, where someone from Wimbledon Foodbank will be joining us to receiving the food that we have gathered. Wishing you all a lovely half term break. Please remember that all children must return to school on **Monday 4th November.** **Mrs Bull and Ms Revell**

