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HUXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

9th February 2024

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS...

Positively Busy!

I started the week with a lovely visit from our new CEO, Neil Dixon- we discussed exciting ventures with the trust and future events such as the CDAT 10th Anniversary that is coming up soon. I really feel there are so many benefits to our little school being part of this trust for ourselves but also in what we can give back to the trust too.

We have welcomed another family to our little school which was lovely. Thanks, as always, for being so welcoming to our new pupils and families. We had two visits this week and another two next week- families who are interested in our flexi provision. Two of these have been recommended our school by our current parents- so thank you for sharing the 'good word'.

On Tuesday, I ran a webinar on SEND and working with parents, for the CEFEL network. It was lovely to talk about the unique situation our school is in- in that we are joint partners in your children's education and that relationship is extremely important to us both- enabling your child to flourish in our school. I was truly touched to have a parent video themselves- highlighting the strong 'trust' between parents and school but also acknowledging shared practice and strong communication as the key. Thank you! I was also able to share the wonderful speech from Max's leavers last year- we all remember that fondly- there wasn't a dry eye in the house! It was lovely to share the 'little' things that school did for him, that were 'big' things for him and made all the difference to him being back in education, but more importantly thriving in a place where he felt safe, secure and understood. A heartwarming watch and a wonderful reminder that when educators meet need, the education world opens up for children.

On Wednesday I had a monitoring visit for SIAMS- it is called a Keeping on Track visit and is offered as a supportive meeting to ensure that the school are on track for the next SIAMs Inspection.
I am pleased to say that this went very well, the visiting consultant was so lovely. Along with Rev Rhodes and Mrs Fearnley as RE lead, I enjoyed having the time to celebrate our school and the journey it has been on, and to be able to explore further developments with the external consultant, in terms of our next steps.
The report is now on our website-
https://www.huxleyprimary.cheshire.sch.uk/page/siams/16238

On Thursday, I attended the CDAT heads network meeting, again a very positive morning with lots to think about. The CDAT senior management and other CDAT heads have been so helpful in this transition but also so warm and welcoming too.

HUXLEY'S GOT TALENT

Reminder- Huxley's Got Talent is on Tuesday- please make sure that you have sent me any backing tracks, accompanying music or video entries (some people are sending in video's of gymnastics or horse riding etc) by Monday by the latest so I can prepare everything.
Please remember it starts at 3pm in the hall.

DIARY DATES

- 13.02.24 Huxley's Got Talent!
- 15.02.24- Swap Shop and Finish for Half Term (all children)
- Please remember that Friday 16th is an INSET- no children in school
- 26.02.24- Full time pupils return to school
- 27.02.24- Flexi children return to school

MRS RACHEL GOURLEY

HEADTEACHER

YEAR 6- WELL DONE!

Year 6 were lucky enough to have been invited to Tarporley High School to watch their performance of Matilda. They thoroughly enjoyed it and said they thought it was even better than the panto we went to at Christmas!!! Well done to the pupils at Tarporley High and thank you for inviting us.
I received an email from the high school thanking our pupils for attending.

ART GALLERY

Those of you who have downloaded the yearly overview may have noticed that we had planned for an art gallery at the end of this term. Due to there being a lot of events on this week, we are putting this on the Wednesday on the first week back. There will be an email going out this week about it as we would like the children to work on something over the half term to be out into the gallery. All children can bring in art work from home to add to the gallery too- just make sure that it is named. I spoke to a year 6 on Friday who said he would like to bring his sketchpads in- absolutely! It is a celebration of our talented artists! I will also be sending out an updated dates calendar as we have added further exciting events for our children since our first yearly overview calendar went out.

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

Just a few reminders as we have had a few new families recently join our school but also a few new notices to add...

- Mobile phones are not to be used on site. This includes the playground. If you desperately need to take a call please let Miss Lloyd or myself know and we can find you a 'safe space' e.g. staffroom to take the call. Otherwise please stand outside the school gates or return to your car to take the call.
- Children should not be bringing in cameras, camera phones or tablets into school
- Can parents please remember not to enter the cloakrooms as these are at the entrance to the toilets areas.
- Please inform school if someone else is picking your child up other than your usual contacts that you have informed us of. A few times recently Miss Lloyd has had to call to check as we hadn't been told about the 'new' visitor. This includes other parents picking your children up.
- It hasn't happened for so long, but I have noticed children have started to climb the external wall again. I have also noticed that some children are accessing the land at the side of school through the trees too. Please can you remind children not to climb the walls or enter our neighbour's land as they leave the premises.
- Please be mindful of what children are watching online. A lot of our children have been watching a Netflix series called Cobra Kai which is rated a 15+. Unfortunately I am seeing some negative influences of this in school, at playtimes- children trying to replicate the fight moves and using the language they say they have heard on there. It is like a spin off from Karate Kid but with much more adult content. A useful website to look at when exploring whether content is appropriate for your child (as well as the age restriction ratings) is https://www.commonsensemedia.org/tv-reviews/cobra-kai/user-reviews/adult
(the 'parents need to know' section is useful)

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Clubs- A polite request from Miss Lloyd- she is getting a huge amount of calls during the day asking her to check if a child wants to attend club, or reminding the children that they are going, or asking children if they want to attend parties/friends houses etc after clubs. Please can you make sure that you talk to your children before they come into school and only call if it is absolutely necessary. It is taking up so much of her time at the moment. We have 37 children in school so you can imagine how time consuming this can be for her to go up and down the corridors, disrupting class, checking and ringing parents back.
- Parking- sadly someone keeps driving on the grass at the front of school and have churned it up. Andy has had to flatten it on several occasions as it can be a trip hazard for children as they cross. Please be mindful of this, especially whilst the weather is so wet.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND- TAKE CARE