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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.

A Mathematical Success!

Our open maths mornings were a great success - lots of parents/carers came along to see how their children learn in maths. Feedback from parents was very positive saying how useful it was to see how the staff teach mental maths and the tricky things the children are expected to do as part of the new curriculum. Parents appreciated the ideas and websites suggested so they could support and encourage their children at home.



In Worship, we celebrated Chinese New Year, year of the Rooster and compared traditions. Reception had a great time celebrating; they tasted Chinese food, looked at Chinese items, tried on traditional clothing and made dragon puppets and lanterns. They also listened to stories and Chinese music and even tried their hands at ribbon dancing!





We have been promoting the importance of children wearing helmets when cycling with the help of Kevin, our cycling instructor, from Wheel Education. We are delighted to see that lots more of our children are now wearing helmets - please keep it up!



Operation Spoke was a great success. Our local Community Officers registered 36 bikes! Well done to those who brought their bike to school to get security marked.

Fun in the Jungle!

Tuesday saw the arrival of the Image Musical Theatre who came to perform the well known story, 'Jungle Book'. The children were so excited and were invited to participate in the performance. Their enthusiasm held no bounds and they thoroughly enjoyed singing and acting along to the well known songs.



Next week, on Tuesday 7th February, our School Nurse will be teaching our KS2 children how to be head lice aware. She will be having an information workshop for parents at 3pm on the 7th to offer advice about effective treatment. The School Nurse will also be holding a drop in session, in the Community Room, on the first Wednesday of every month.



Please note if you are thinking of booking holidays, the children have a long half term break. They break up **Friday 26th May and return Wednesday 7th June**. Governors set these dates to assist parents as **we are no longer allowed to authorise holidays in the term time.**



Please note: only parents/carers who are disabled badge owners may park in the school car park. If you are registered disabled, please inform the office and let them know your registration number.

Next week your child will be bringing home a letter about the PTFA Valentine disco on **Thursday 16th February**, detailing when you can purchase tickets and sweets. **Please may we ask for all disco tickets to be purchased no later than Monday 13th February.**

Dates for Diaries

7.2.17	Year 3 visit to Library 'Spirits of the Sea' play - 9.45am
10.2.17	Year 3 Tennis Festival 9.30am-12 noon (16 pupils)
13.2.17	Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Festival - 12.30-3pm
14.2.17	Year 4 Girls' Football Festival 10am-2.30pm
16.2.17	Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football Festival 12.30-3pm
16.2.17	Valentine Disco
17.2.17	Break up for half term (1 week)
27.2.17	Return to school
27.2.17	Book Fair starts 3.20-3.45pm. Ends Thursday.
28.2.17	Year 4 Run for Fun 9.30am-12.30pm
3.3.17	Dress up as your favourite book character
3.3.17	Visit from the Bishop to the Talent event
9.3.17	Open Afternoon for EYFS & KS1
9.3.17	Open Evening for all classes
10.3.17	Open Afternoon for KS2
16.3.17	Swimming Gala at the Dolphin Centre - 9.30am-12.30pm
28.3.17	Dance Festival
7.4.17	Year 5 Netball Festival at Polam Hall - 10am-2.30pm
7.4.17	Break up
24.4.17	Children return to school