



10th February 2017

Let's Celebrate!

At the start of term, you may recall that I challenged the children to set themselves a learning target and encouraged them to go for it. This tied in well with our new Growth Mindset approach and our school value of perseverance this half-term. In assembly yesterday, we revisited our targets and it was clear that the vast majority of the school have either managed to achieve their goal or are now a long way towards achieving it.

A few children honestly admitted (very brave in a whole school assembly) they had forgotten about their target but we all agreed, it's never too late to start working on it. Others realised that they had chosen an improvement goal that was so big, e.g. to get better at English and maths, that they found it was too hard to judge if they had achieved that. I explained that I am still trying to get better at both of those subjects!

It's been a valuable learning opportunity. It has helped the children to realise that small, clear, achievable but challenging targets are the best ones to go for if we want to break task down and make it manageable.

I have been really impressed by the positive, hardworking attitude of the children this half-term and was proud to be able to tell them so.

After half-term, we will be launching a new challenge which will involve whole classes, individuals and families or individual adults. There will be a competition too so watch this space!

Be Food Smart

We are sending each child home with a 'Food Smart' pack from 'Change 4 Life'. Sapphire and Ruby class have been looking at healthy eating recently in their curriculum. As a school, we plan in regular opportunities to explore and reinforce a healthy lifestyle message. Change 4 Life activities, information and ideas are very useful. This latest pack is about being 'sugar smart'. We hope you and your family enjoy looking through it and implementing some of the great ideas.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day and we have spent some of this week looking at the issue of how to stay safe online with all children. Attached to this letter or emailed to your inbox is a factsheet to help you find where to get more information and support along with a conversation sheet. These will help you to talk with your child/ren about staying safe online at an age-appropriate level.

Parent Carer Consultations

If you haven't already signed up to a slot, please do so. The appointment sheet are on or near classroom doors. If you are unable to come along on the days and times offered, please ask for an alternative day and time.

Guitar Tuition

From Thursday 23rd February, please could all children take their guitars into their classrooms and not bring them to the music room. We will be using the old music room differently so we will not be able to store guitars in there.

Horstead Residential Trip

Please would you make sure you complete the medical form and return it to school as soon as possible.

DIARY DATES

February

Half-term week is Monday 13th to Friday 17th 2017

Tues 28th – Parent & Carer Consultation evening

Thurs 2nd - Parent & Carer Consultation evening

March

Thurs 23rd FOFS Family Quiz evening – lots of fun for every age! Details to follow.

Tues 28th – Easter service 2pm in St. Peter's church

Weds 29th – Fri 31st - Horstead KS2 residential visit

Fri 31st – Break up for Easter holiday.

April

Tues 18th – Return to school after Easter break

May

Mon 1st – School closed for Mayday Bank Holiday

Mon 8th – Y6 SATS Week

Half-term week Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

June

Monday 5th June – school opens for new half-term

Thurs 8th – Class photos

Sat 24th – Forncett Summer Fete

July

Fri 14th – FOFs & School Family Fun afternoon

Mon 17th – School disco party with James D

Fri 21st – Leavers' Service - Break up for summer holiday