

24th October 2014

Dear Parents

Class Assemblies:

On Wednesday 15th October Year 5 held their assembly for parents, 'Walking with the Mayans'. The children had devised and created their own presentation and put on a very informative and lively performance. Well Done Year 5!

This week, on 22nd October it was Year 4's turn. They were asking the big question, 'How would we survive without water?' Through a very engaging presentation they certainly showed a great knowledge and understanding of how important water is to the whole planet! They have obviously really enjoyed investigating this question! Well Done to Year 4 too!

Year 3 will present their assembly to parents on 5th November! We hope to see Year 3 parents and grandparents there.

Sport & Activities:

20th October our Year 5 & 6 Rugby Team took part in a tournament at Bishop Barrington. Our team did really well and narrowly missed getting through to the finals. Thank you to Mr Colwell for giving up his time on a Friday afternoon to come into school to help Mr Turner with the coaching.

Our Football team is doing extremely well in the league. We haven't lost a game yet! We are top of the league with 18 points. The closest team has 14! Congratulations to the team and coach Mr Jones and manager Mr Brunton.

Every class in school has now had a session of Cheerleading. The children have loved this opportunity and appreciate the level of gymnastic skill involved in this activity. Thanks to Chloe from the British team who came into school to deliver these sessions.

Other news:

Mr Turner arrived safely in Tanzania last night. He will be working in Kisaseni Primary School over half term and continuing our joint partnership project with the children and staff there. The project focuses on UNICEF Rights of the Child and Mr Turner will be carrying out some games and activities that support every child's right to play and be healthy. The Cake Sale we held last Friday raised £223. We rounded this up to £400 from some other donations we received and Mr Turner will be presenting this to Henry Kinyaha, Headteacher, during his visit. (£400 equates to just over 1,000,000 Tanzanian shillings!) Thank you for your support with this event—it is much appreciated.

Apologies to Year 5 parents and children for the delay in last week's homework being put on the class Blog! There was a technical hitch when Mr Turner tried to post the homework last Friday—it couldn't be done until Saturday morning.

When this happens, we would not expect the homework to be completed by the Monday—extra time would certainly be allowed. The Blog is an exciting way of engaging the children in their learning and it is as frustrating for us in school as it is for you at home when we can't access systems - the wonders of modern technology!

Notices & Reminders:

PARKING: This continues to be a problem! Please can parents not park in the 'Drop off' zone! (*Area from the school entrance gate to the staff car park*) If parents park here it restricts the space for those parents wishing to just drop their children off. Residents are complaining also that their driveways are being blocked! Please do not park across driveways. There was an incident this week when a resident needed to get out to attend an appointment and couldn't! Please be considerate as to where you park! Similarly please can parents not park across the school car park entrance and the side access to the rear of the school. They need to be clear at all times! Parents should not be using the car park entrance to reverse into either to turn round! We want our children to be safe at all times and some of these practices are heightening the risk of an accident happening!

It has been a long, busy but productive half-term! We hope you enjoy the break and look forward to seeing you on 3rd November.

Thank you for your continued support with all aspects of school life.

Wendy Gill & staff

Notices

- Data collection sheets: Please can parents return these as soon as possible so that we know that we have up-to-date details in case of any emergency.
- Home School Agreements: Please can these be returned after half term if you haven't already done so.
- Children wanting to submit a poster for the Anti-Bullying Poster competition, please can these be returned to school by Monday 3rd November. This is the latest date for return!
- Miss Vicky Ramsey, Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant, has left her position today. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment to our school and her help in making lunchtimes enjoyable and safe for our children. We wish Miss Ramsey well for the future. I am sure we will still see her in school as she is going to be a reading volunteer.

Book Club



Great News! We're running a Scholastic Book Club to earn free books for our school. We'll be sending the Book Club leaflets home so that you and your child can choose from the latest exciting selection of books.

Please place your order by 21st November 2014— either online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/escomb-primary> or return your order to school (with cheques made payable to Escomb Primary School). Thank you!



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

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Class Nominations

Reception	Lewis A
Class 1	Jessica B
Class 2	Hannah D
Class 3	Mia H
Class 4	Ruby A
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Abigail D

Superstar of the Week!

*** Jessica B***

Class Attendance Award

For week ending 17/10/2014

Classes 1, 2 & 3

100%

Well Done!