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That's All Folks

I would just like to thank everyone involved in school for all their efforts, talents, enthusiasm and good humour.

As always, the staff have worked their socks off to provide a stimulating and enjoyable curriculum. They have worked tirelessly to ensure the learning covers everything required by the National Curriculum and goes further whenever it is appropriate or possible. Our office staff have done a sterling job keeping the school (and me) organised. The cleaners have ensured everything has stayed spick and span around school. Our Governors have continued to be 'critical friends' of the school, working hard behind the scenes. The PTFA have helped to provide another dimension to school. The staff of 3 Corners have worked very closely with school, especially with wrap around care. They do a great job and provide an increasingly sought after service. The kitchen team are another group who have provided a super service to school, serving nutritious school meals and helping in other ways whenever they have been asked. Parents and carers need a very special mention. Thank you for being partners in your child(ren)'s education and for being so supportive of school.

Finally, my biggest thanks go to the heart of the school, our glorious children. They make working here such a joy. To our leavers, I wish them all the very best in the next leg of their educational journey. I am sure each and every one of them will use what they have learned here as a super grounding for what is to come.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the new school year. Stay safe and be kind to each other. In a world where you can be anything; BE KIND! NO MORE GET UPS 'TIL SEPTEMBER!!'

Class 5 Visit Knowsley Safari Park

Class 5 had a wonderful time at Knowsley Safari Park this week, where we got to see all the different stages in an animal's lifecycle in action! From cute baby rhinos to elderly lionesses, we loved spotting them all, including some particularly majestic giraffes out for their morning run. We took part in a workshop about the different plants and animals that exist in a savannah habitat - here we are, playing our different parts.

Class 2 Visit

Class 2 went on a trip to the National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield this week. We learnt lots about The Great Fire of London. It was amazing to see all the artifacts from the time and we even got to have a go with lots of them. We had a special visit from Samuel Pepys' maid who told us all about her experience of the fire. What a great way to end the topic and school year!



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A Reminder About Taking Unauthorised Absence

A few weeks ago, in a newsletter, I wrote a little bit about working alongside other schools in the area to have a uniform way of trying to tackle unauthorised absences and persistent absentees (an attendance of below 90%). One thing that I wanted to remind everyone about was the amount of time taken for unauthorised absences in a school year MUST be no more than 10 sessions (5 days), or I will be passing the information on to Calderdale's Education Welfare Team. They in turn will look at the circumstances and may decide to issue a fine. Please be aware of this moving forward.

Uniform and Equipment for September

Before lots of you re-stock for September, I thought that I would just remind everyone about school uniform and basic equipment. I would hate for anyone to go to unnecessary expense. The photos are of a few children setting a good example! Uniform consists of a plain grey skirt, shorts or trousers. These should be worn with a plain white polo shirt or shirt/blouse and a bottle green sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper. If a shirt/blouse is worn, children should also have a school tie on.

Some items can be purchased with the school badge on, but this is not compulsory. Socks should be plain grey or white. Plain grey tights can also be worn. All children should wear sensible plain black shoes. Please do not 'push boundaries' with any of this uniform.

For PE all children should have a plain amber t-shirt and plain black shorts (no stripes, logos etc). Junior children should also have a green long-sleeved top (see photo). Year 3 children will get a green top free of charge. Replacement tops can be bought at cost from the school office. Pumps or trainers should also be available for PE. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH NAMES.

As mentioned on a recent newsletter, infant children should have a book bag not a backpack for school. These are also available with a school badge, but that is not compulsory. NO CHILD should have a pencil case at school.

Goodbye and Good Luck Ladies

Today we said a fond farewell to a couple of members of staff as they move on. Caroline Sykes joined the team in 2017, providing targeted support around school. Her calm, reassuring manner has been a real help to many children over the years and she is moving on to continue this work in counselling.

Jo Radcliffe is also moving on to take up child minding. She has worked as a part time teacher since 2018. She has not only been an inspiring teacher for many cohorts of children, but she is the go-to person on the staff in anyone needs a cuddle! I am sure that you will join me in wishing them both every happiness and success in what

both every happiness and success in what they do next.

You know where we are ladies!



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Class 2 End the Year on Fire!

It was lovely to see some brilliant homework projects come together with lovely art and written work this week, to create a display on the Great Fire of London.

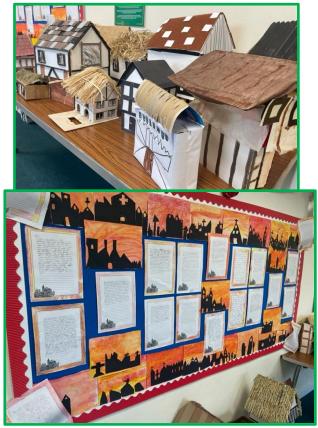
The writing is lovely and the Tudor houses made at home are fabulous. Well done to the children for helping to create such a wonderful display so close to the end of the school year. Pop in and have a look if you get a moment.

School Opening Hours from September – A Final Reminder.

After consulting all stakeholders about my proposal to change the official time the school opens from 8.55 to 8.45, I have decided to go ahead with this change. I have received a very small number of questions about this proposal, mainly centred around whether the bell will go even earlier. As you will be aware, the bell currently goes at 8.45, but we have a 'soft start' for 10 minutes before we officially begin.

To answer this question, we plan to ring the bell a few minutes before 8.45. Please note however, that the pupil doors will close at 8.45 and any children arriving after this time will have to use the main entrance.

Punctuality is very important, so please aim to have your child at school a few minutes before 8.45 from September. I hope that this makes sense.



School Milk

If your child would like to start or continue with school milk in September, please contact <u>www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk</u> direct to arrange payment. It takes at least a week to get your child's name onto the report the office receive on a weekly basis.

And this Terms Special Award Winners Are.....

	Infants	Lower Juniors	Upper Juniors
School Values:	Millicent C2	Tuana C3	Micah C5
Progress: Effort:	Ava C1 Elliot C2	Amelia C3 Rachel C4	Melody C5 James C5
Enthusiasm:	Alfie CR	Freddie C4	Holly E C5
Above & Beyond:	Lullah CR	Sebastian C4	Ruby C5

Class Attendance Award: Class 1. Proof that it is cool to be in school!

The individual awards are all new trophies that were introduced last term. The winners are welcome to keep them at home over the summer break and beyond, but they will need to come back to school in good time (and in one piece!!) for the next winners to receive them.

Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 5th September!



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