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FRIDAY FOCUS

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1. THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Another fun-filled and busy week at the Junior School!
This week, our Lower School children have begun their Kinetic Letters handwriting programme. Across the whole school, we are placing a strong focus on improving children's handwriting, presentation and pride in their work. We are teaching children how to hold their pencils correctly, develop the correct pencil grip, form letters accurately and consistently, and present their work neatly and legibly. This is a whole-school focus, so children in Years 5 and 6 are also working hard to improve and refine their handwriting and presentation.
Teachers will be encouraging children to:

- form letters correctly and consistently;
- write letters at the correct size and proportion;
- use capital letters and punctuation accurately;
- correct common spelling errors, particularly words they are expected to know;
- take their time and present their work as neatly as possible.

Ultimately, this is about taking pride in our learning and developing high standards that children can carry with them throughout their time at school and beyond.
We would really appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to take care with their handwriting and presentation whenever they are writing. A little reminder to slow down, form letters carefully and check their work can make a big difference. Thank you for helping us to reinforce these high expectations at home.

2. FOOTBALL FUN!

This week we have witnessed pupils demonstrating the greatest of qualities when representing the school at both girls and boys football events: learning to work as a team; having the confidence to play as an individual; getting up and going again when it would be easier to give up; playing like your life depends on it, but remembering that when the final whistle blows, it really doesn't matter.

On Tuesday evening, our school girls team played two fixtures and played briliiantly for their first time as a group. They are already looking forward to the next set of games next week. Yesterday was the turn of the boys. The Blues played with flair, confidence and skill, winning five of seven matches. With no medals on offer, I was delighted that their motivation never wavered. They organised themselves brilliantly, sharing positions, tactics and encouragement as a team.

But their greatest moment was cheering on the Yellow team in their final game.

The Yellows took time to find their rhythm, losing their first games but never their determination or togetherness. At 2–0 down in their final match, they could have given up. Instead, Asher and Max scored to earn a draw, celebrated wildly by both teams.

So proud of you all! 💙💛⚽

3. CJSA NEEDS YOU

Calmore Junior School Association (CJSA)
Unfortunately, very few parents came to our annual general meeting on Wednesday. Our chair and treasurer have resigned after many years of service with us and therefore we are now at risk having to stop running the committee as we only have 4 parents currently. With the huge cut in school budgets and costs going up, schools now must rely on their parent associations to help fund trips, visitors and resources in schools.
However, we cannot continue to run a parents' association without any parents!
We need parents to help organise and run events such as discos, film nights, colour runs, help with selling ice-creams and our Friday sales so that they can make the vital funds that support every child in school.
Last year, the CJSA subsidised the Mand M theatre visit so that every child did not pay full price, subsided the Marcus Dilly visits for most year groups so again the children did not have to pay full price. They paid for lots of new reading books and playground equipment which are used by every child. They helped pay for the coach to Sea city museum so that the cost per child was greatly reduced. The money raised benefits all children.
If you have any spare time and would like to support our children, please get in touch with the school office and we can put you in touch with the committee. We do not expect you to use lots of your time, but every little bit helps.

CELEBRATION AND AWARDS

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners!

Y3 -Tommy and Riley Y4 - Winston and Teddy
Y5 - Jemima and Lily Y6 - Dominic and Spencer

ACTIVE Awards

Well done to these children who have been demonstrating one or more of our learning behaviours.

Y3 - Lucas and Ruby Y4 - Cadence and Phoebe
Y5 - Riley and Robyn Y6 - Chris and Elsie

Golden Tokens!

The lucky 8 whose names were plucked from the hat as reward for being on the golden zone this week.

Y3 - Connie and Olivia Y4 - Kodi and Henry
Y5 - Orla and Harvey Y6 - Oliver and Ella



KEY DATES Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 ALL

- Weds 7th Oct, Y6 Height & Weight Nursing Team
- Fri 2nd Oct - Y5 Leeson House deposit deadline
- Mon 5th Oct am - Individual School Photos
- Mon 12th Oct, 2:30pm - Year 5 Exit Point
- Tues 13th Oct, 2:30pm - Year 3 Exit Point
- Tues 20th Oct, 8:45am - CJSA meeting new parents welcome
- Tues 20th & Weds 21st Oct - Parents Evenings
- Weds 21st Oct, 2:30pm - Year 4 Exit Point
- Thurs 22nd Oct, 2:30pm - Year 6 Exit Point
- Fri 23rd Oct - Y6 Tile Barn deposit deadline
- Fri 23rd Oct - last day of half term / Non uniform day £2
- Mon 2nd Nov - INSET day
- Tues 3rd Nov - start of Autumn 2 half term
- Tues 3rd Nov, 4-5pm - Halloween Disco
- Thurs 19th Nov - Explorer Dome for Y3 and Y5
- Fri 4th Dec, 9am - Y4 Brass Concert/Exit Point
- Thurs 10th Dec- Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day

PARENTS EVENING

Next week, we will be sending you a parentmail to book a parents evening slot with your child's class teacher. It is really important that you attend parents evenings as this is an opportunity to hear how your child has settled in to their new class, how well they are doing academically and how you can support them at home. It is also an opportunity to have a look at some of their learning in books.

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