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HEAD TEACHER MONTHLY – October 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you had a wonderful half term break and were able to enjoy some family time and make lots of wonderful memories. As always there are lots of events planned for the children and families over this half term as we prepare for Christmas.

FOSS Schools

This year we are officially part of the FOSS school group (Friends of Small Schools). This means that I am working closely with the Head Teachers of Bealings Primary School, Nacton Primary School, Waldringfield Primary School and Bucklesham Primary School. We have planned a year of events for the children and we are really excited about the opportunities our children and staff will have together.

Thorpe Woodlands Residential

Just before the half term holiday the children in Silver Studded Blue Class had a three day residential at Thorpe Woodlands where the children slept in pods under the stars and messed about on the water. The children and staff had an amazing time and I have no doubt that they made memories that they will treasure always. I would also like to publically thank Miss Scrutton, Mrs Woods, and Mrs Oswald for supporting the children on their adventure.



ALDI Vouchers

We are delighted and very grateful that we were able to complete two Aldi Posters which means we collected 600 stickers. We have sent these off and we will receive two sets of Sports Kits. In addition, we also have a chance of winning £20,000 for our school. We would use the money to build an outdoor community gym for our families and the local community. We will keep you updated on any developments.

Dates

We will be re sending the dates for this term as we have some dates for you to add to your calendar. These will include FOSS events, Realise Future Family Workshop and Theatre workshops.

Social Media

I would just like to highlight my concern for issues that have been reported from outside school in relation to social media and gaming. It would appear that some Key Stage Two children are using these platforms in an inappropriate way. I am liaising with Suffolk Constabulary at the moment to organise workshops for pupils and parents to highlight the risks that the children are exposing themselves to. Please ensure that you are monitoring messages on devices and ensuring that your child is acting in a respectful manner.

Parent Council

We held our first meeting just before the half term and it was great to hear such positive feedback from the parent councillors. Unfortunately, we did not have a parent representative for reception, year five or year six. If you would be able to spare an hour each half term this would be really valued. Minutes from the meeting are on the website and the parent notice board in the playground. The next meeting is planned for **Thursday 29th November at 2.00pm**. If you would like to find out more then please talk to me about the role.

Communication

As you will know the Friday Flyer is how we keep families up to date with what is happening in school. This is emailed to families on a Friday and gives a clear overview of what is happening the following week. We ask that all families read this carefully and prepare for the upcoming week.

Daily Mile

Currently all children and staff are working towards completing a Daily Mile challenge. This is called "Run with Eliud." Eliud Kipchoge is an inspirational athlete and we are using him to inspire our children to be more active and collaborate to achieve a goal of running a marathon. Mrs Mitchell and the House Leaders are monitoring this and we are on track to achieve this. I am so proud of the pupils for pushing themselves to beat their daily targets.

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will be supporting Children in Need. Our School Council have planned the day and they would like the school community to wear spotty clothes, bring in £1.00 for the charity and also donate any pennies. We will complete a House Penny Challenge and see which house can gather the most pennies. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parent Consultations

These are planned for Wednesday 6th November and Tuesday 12th November. You will have received your appointment time by text message. There will be time to discuss progress this term and how your child has settled. You will also have the opportunity to look at books. We look forward to welcoming you to school.

Warm wishes

Miss E Churchman
Head Teacher