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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

4th October 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

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After some of the heaviest rain in years, it has sometimes felt like we have had to swim to school this week! One unfortunate consequence of the rain was the cancellation of the Y3 residential visit on Tuesday morning. The children had arrived at Beaumanor, very excited about the week ahead. However, the site had suffered flooding to such an extent that rooms and large parts of the grounds had become unusable or potentially dangerous. In all, 5 schools had to return home early this week from Beaumanor. I'd like to express my thanks to the staff, parents and carers for supporting the children so well, as they were clearly very disappointed by what had happened. The good news is that we are expecting to reschedule the residential visit for later in the year.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, successfully reading enough books to earn their certificates. In all, 42 of our children completed the challenge, which is an excellent result! They received their certificates in school last week.

House Captains

This year has been a record-breaking year! In the past, we might expect about 10-12 of the Y6 children to stand for election as a House captain. This year, 21 children stood for election, which is more than half of the entire year group. That really does show an "I can" attitude. Having given their speeches to the children in their houses (including one who made a video of their speech), the children voted for who they wanted to be their captains. The following children were elected as our new House Captains:

Beech:
Harry M, Olivia L

Maple:
Brandon F, Lily D

Oak:
Eliza K, Sam H

Willow:
Ben F, Elle W

All 21 children who stood for election also earned Green Cards in recognition of their efforts and courage in taking part.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last Friday, we hosted our first ever Macmillan Coffee Morning, in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. The hall was filled with the most delicious cakes! We had a good level of support during the day and were also able to sell cakes to the children later on. Altogether, we raised £213 for this worthwhile cause. Many thanks to everyone who came to support us and to Mrs Rhodes for organising the event.

Shepshed Scaresheep Festival

This weekend is the Shepshed Scaresheep Festival. During this festival, individuals and organisations in Shepshed make their Scaresheep (scarecrows with a sheep theme). This is a fun community event which

also helps to raise funds for Shepshed Volunteer Centre. We are entering the competition once again this year.

In order to vote, you can get voting forms from Shepshed Volunteer Centre, Dilips Multistore, Meet'n'Eat and Shepshed Library. You will be able to purchase programmes to find the entrants, vote on your favourite, collect a letter on each of the scaresheep to create a sheep-related phrase and enter a prize draw.

Please vote for the Oxley Sheep!

Cake sale

Some children in Y6 have organised a cake sale to take place next Thursday - please see the attached information for more details.

Harvest

The children have been filling the school with lovely singing over the past couple of weeks, as they get ready for the Harvest celebrations. These are taking place in school next Friday (11th October).

Once again, we are asking for donations of food items that we will then present to the Shepshed Food Bank at the end of the Harvest celebrations. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Dates for your diary

- Week beginning 7th October - Parents' evenings. Late appointments Wednesday 9th October.
- Friday 11th October: Harvest Celebrations. Reception and KS1 9:00 / KS2 10:00.
- Friday 11th October - last day of half term.

- Monday 21st October - INSET day. School closed to pupils.
- Tuesday 22nd October - School opens to children.
- Friday 25th October - FoXES School Disco: Reception and KS1 5:45-6:45pm, KS2 6:45-8pm
- Friday 1st November, 2:30 - Y6 class assembly
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day
- Friday 15th November - flu vaccinations in school
- Friday 22nd November, 2:30 - Elephants class assembly
- Wednesday 11th December, 2:00 - Reception and KS1 Christmas Show
- Thursday 12th December, 2:00 - Reception and KS1 Christmas Show
- Friday 13th December, 1:45 - KS2 Christmas Celebration at St Botolphs Church
- Tuesday 17th December, "Young at Heart" Christmas Party 2:00.
- Friday 20th December - last day of term.

INSET Days when school is closed to pupils:

Monday 21st October

Friday 3rd April

Monday 13th July

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher