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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

Dear Parents / Carers

Headteacher's Newsletter 4

I hope you and your children enjoyed the half term break, even though it may already feel like a distant memory! This may be one of the last newsletters of this format that I will be sending out. As we have now launched Weduc, we aim for this to become our main source of updates and news.

Weduc and Class Dojo

We have now launched Weduc and I hope that you are able to log in successfully to your account. At present, we intend to use Weduc for the following:

- 1) Whole-school communication and newsletters. Instead of long newsletters such as this one, we want to use it more as a "news feed" more frequently during the week, as events take place in school. It will also include photos of these events.
- 2) School visits letters. Weduc will enable us to send out letters relating to any trips and it will enable you to give consent directly instead of having to complete and return a paper reply slip, which can easily be lost.
- 3) It will link to School Money where you can pay for meals, snacks, etc.

For direct communication with class teachers, we will continue to use Class Dojo. We know this is popular with parents / carers and pupils. At present, Weduc does not operate a reward facility like Class Dojo, but we understand that this is to be developed over time.

Eventually, once Weduc has something equivalent to the Class Dojo reward system, then we will be able to stop using Dojo and just have one communication channel. It would also allow parents/carers to message teachers directly.

We are happy to listen to your feedback and will do our best to address any problems you might have.

Harvest

We had what must have been a record turnout at our Harvest celebrations before half term. The children sang songs, spoke and shared some of their work with a sense of pride and confidence. Thank you for your support at these events, if you were able to attend, and a particular thank you for your kind donations which went to the Shepshed Food Bank.

Sportshall Athletics

On Tuesday this week, a large team of children took part in the Sportshall Athletics competition at Iveshead School. They took part in a variety of athletics events: obstacle relay, running relay races, chest push, standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, javelin and speed bounce. Each child took part in at least 2 events, with their individual achievements feeding into the overall team total. I am delighted to let you know that both the Boys' Team and Girls' Team came first! The children received their medals and we celebrated their fantastic achievements in front of the whole school today.

William said, "three people were chosen for each event. We had 3 goes on the activities. I did the really high jump where i had to pull something down, jumping as high as I could. I got to 36cm off the ground. I also did the standing long jump. I don't remember my score. The competition was really fun and there was a lot of excitement!"

Alex told me, "One thing I remember is that I got a record for speed bounce, the most bounces in the time. I had to do 3 laps in a race and stayed ahead for the whole time! I was amazed when the Oxley Boys' team won!"

Elle said, "We started off doing long jump. Then we went onto the triple jump. I did the hurdle race - I found it easy and we won! We all encouraged each other and cheered each other along. At the end, we felt surprised that we won because some other schools normally win."

Millie explained, "The people from Iveshead showed us what to do and I did a vertical jump. I did well. One girl got upset because she tripped over in one of the races, but we cheered her on and hugged her and made her laugh at the end. I was happy and surprised that we won because we all had an I can attitude."

Well done to:

The Boys' Team

Dillon M Alex W Max A William F Reegan B Owen M Sam H Jayden H Oliver T

Max deserves a special mention as he is only in Y4 and was competing with children in Y5 and Y6!

The Girls' Team

Eliza K Paige F Millie M Sophia M Freya W Heather B Lucy W Elle W Caitlyn B

A special thank you also must go to Mrs Harcourt and Mrs Taylor for supporting the children every step of the way.

Library and Reading Books

Firstly, I want to apologise for the delay in making our reading books available to KS2 children. The new Library system has almost completed scanning and logging all the books. There are well over 1000 books in total to be scanned. We were very unlucky to have been hit by a software issue that meant that almost 500 scanned books were wiped from the system having already been scanned. I expect the books will be available to be lent out once again next week. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

FOXes Disco

The discos were both very well attended last Friday evening. Thank you to all the parents / carers and members of staff who gave up their evening to ensure that the children had a fun evening. Thank you for supporting the event - I understand that it has raised a lot of money for the FOXes, but I am waiting for a final confirmation of the total.

Fundraising Success

Tia G and Heather B, both in Y6, decided to organise a cake sale to raise money for two important causes. One was to adopt an Ethiopian Wolf, which is the world's most endangered wild dog. The other cause was for Young Minds, a mental health children's charity. Thanks to the girls' amazing organisational skills and the support of so many of you and the other children, they raised a total of £76! This was enough to adopt an Ethiopian Wolf for a year and to give a large donation to Young Minds.

Dates for your diary

- 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:

Friday 3rd April

Monday 13th July

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher