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Week 32 Newsletter

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Dear families,

A warm welcome to our latest newsletter. The Summer Term is flying by, just two weeks until the half term break believe it or not!

Recent Events: Well done to everyone who has taken up a musical instrument, joined a club or played in the recent football matches. It feels amazing to see some 'normality' return and the impact of such events is starting to shine through. Y6 were amazing on their recent walk and Y3-6 have blown me away at the football matches recently. We will organise more next half term including our first Y1 v Y2 event! The next batch of clubs will be out for your perusal today too. They will be launched next Monday (24th May) at 2.30pm. Our big music event for instrumentalists is next Wednesday evening on Zoom- we can't wait!

Y5/6 swimming: Y5 have been marvellous at their swimming lessons of late. Their effort, progress and behaviour have been superb! Please note that over the final two sessions of this half-term, the Y5 children will be assessed. The children who achieve the curriculum standards will not go back to swim after half term (as per previous email updates and plans). Instead a group of Y5 and Y6 pupils who have not yet met the curriculum standards will attend. Look out for an email about your child's assessment and confirmation of their involvement next Friday.

Reading logs: A reminder that daily reading is so crucial to progress and language/phonic development. Please make every effort to keep up with regular comments in logs as these help us and form part of our own assessment. Many older children log their own reading but we would urge parents to check in regularly, listen to reading and ask follow up questions to aide our cause. One-to-one reading is the biggest challenge post-COVID as our staff are timetabled to so many groups and catch-up sessions. We have also lost our team of reading volunteers due to COVID rules. If you can help us by reading daily and logging please do so- the rewards are so clear when we check logs and cross-reference to progress made by the child. Thank you for your amazing support in this area.

Parent Consultations: Further to our update last week about meeting the teacher(s) we wanted to confirm that, as the majority of meetings are during INSET day or the following Wednesday evening. Children can attend with parents where required. We would like to keep the number of people/contacts in school to a minimum, of course, and this helps us to keep everyone safe and comfortable but the provision/support will be there. On the INSET day (Friday) we will provide activities for the children away from the hall while parents meet staff. On the following Wednesday evening children would have to stay in the hall and wait in the central area or stay with parents during the appointment.

Water Bottles: A reminder that pupils require a water bottle in school each day which can be rinsed and refilled in each classroom. We recommend taking them home each Friday for a proper wash but they must be returned on a Monday. Many parents have said that they don't want us to provide a new bottle when one is forgotten but this means that children will go the day without a drink unless they have one in their packed lunch. This isn't safe or appropriate either so please ensure a bottle is brought to school. School is very busy at the moment and last Monday we had 10-15 children without bottles so it isn't possible to return home. At the moment, unless requested otherwise by a parent, we will provide a new bottle and charge automatically on every occasion a water bottle isn't in school. **Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a great week everyone.** Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics

Attendance Update	Week 31: 98.1%	Summer Term: 98.3%	Year to date: 98.3%
Class of the Week:	Y6 Winston's Wonders with 100% attendance		
Punctuality Update	Week 31: 2 late	Summer Term: 11 lates	Year to date: 35 lates
Good to be Green Update	Week 31: 99.3%	Summer Term: 99.2%	Year to date: 99.1%

Mini Diary Week 32

Thursday 20th: Y6 at Underbank (activity camp)

Friday 21st: Wear Green or bright colours, family donation- MacMillan Day and Y5 swimming (AM)

