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SMITHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together We Grow

25.11.19

Message from the Head Teacher

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our annual Winter Wonderland Extravaganza. As all the stalls will be in and around the KS1 playground, children should be collected from the KS2 playground — we'll open the gates on Chatsworth Drive, at 1.55pm and then you can enter the event around the side, near the bike sheds.

I am sure this event will be as fabulous as usual. See you there!

Medicines in School

From time to time, children may need to take medicine in school. We are only allowed to administer medicine that has been prescribed by a doctor/pharmacist and has the child's name and dosage printed on. If your child requires medicine during the school day, please bring the medicine and spoon or dispenser to the school office. You will be required to complete a form detailing the dosage and time required.



Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to our Times Tables Rock Stars winners. After a week long event, Year 6 were the highest scoring band with Year 5 coming 2nd and Year 4BK coming 3rd.

Individual prizes went to Malik (Y6), Rahf (Y5) and Zack (Y6)





ATTENDANCE NEWS

AUTUMN TERM

Nursery A: 75%

Nursery B: 68%

RLMc: 89%

RAG: 81%

Year 1 RMc: 93%

Year 1LK: 95%

Year 2GH: 83%

Year 2 TD: 78%

Year 3 LA: 88%

Year 3 CP: 90%

Year 4 NM:97%

Year 4 BK: 95%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 94%

Well Done to this weeks winners 4NM with 97% attendance.

School starts at 8.55am

Children can come into school from 8.45am and should be in class by 8.55am.

Nursery opens at 9.00am and closes and 3.10pm.

Dates for your diary:

NOVEMBER

26th—Winter Wonderland Family Event 2pm.

27th— Party bus visiting Nursery.

27th—Year 4 visiting Princes Road Synagogue

29th—Y4BK visiting Chester Dewa Experience.

DECEMBER

2nd —Flu vaccinations

3rd—Y5 visiting Liverpool Museum

4th—School Photo Day

3/5th—EYFS Nativity Performance 2pm

6th - Year 4 Campfire 9-10am

11th—School Christmas Lunch

12th—Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance.

16th—Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance.

18th—Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance.

19th—School Closes for holidays.

JANUARY

6th January—School Closed

to school.

Nursery Rhyme Week in EYFS

Last week, Reception and Nursery classes took part in World Nursery Rhyme Week. Research has shown that if a child knows 8 rhymes by heart (in English or their home language) by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually amongst the best readers and spellers in the class by the time they are 8. This, together with the way it helps children with phonological awareness and the fact that they can be great fun makes singing and saying rhymes regularly an essential part of schooling.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined in the rhyme sessions with us—I'm sure you enjoyed it as much as we did!











As part of their science work, Year 1 were visited by Animal Magic Mobile Zoo. Amongst the animals they had the opportunity to get close to were meerkats, snakes, chickens, a tortoise and an albino hedgehog which was loved by all the staff!

for INSET

7th January—Children return



Talk about how your child can stay safe on social networks.

Ask your child if they know:

- where reporting functions are
- how to block someone
- how to keep information private.



Democracy in Action

KS2 School Councillors had the opportunity to take part in three parliamentary debates at Hope University last week. They prepared their arguments for debates about; lowering the voting age to 10 years, curfews for under 18 year olds and testing products on animals. Then, in the replica parliament, children stood when they wished to contribute their ideas and voting, just like parliament, was by standing in line and 'dividing' into the side they were in favour of. Judging by the standard of reasoned argument, we have some future MP's amongst us.