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Spring Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term has felt quite short but very busy! It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Consultations this week. Thank you to those who spared time to pop into the hall to chat with me, Mrs Tuck our SenCo, Jenny Turner from the Children's Centre and to meet our new Parent Governors. A big thank you to the PTFA for providing tea, coffee and biscuits. There were many resources available for you to take away with you, if you didn't find time to pop in please ask your class teacher who will be able to obtain these for you. Thank you to those who took the time to visit and share your views on our Parent View table. This is always helpful to us as a school to know what you would like us to reflect on.

As we say goodbye to Mrs Watson, we are delighted to see the return of Miss Brown. After half term, she will be joining our Senior Leadership Team taking the lead for Key Stage 1. She will also be job sharing with Mrs Waller in the Year 34 class. Both staff and children are very excited to see her return as I'm sure many of you are.

RAF Covenant

Your children have probably already told you about our surprise RAF assembly that happened on 29th January. We welcomed Councillor Terry Douris, Chair of the Armed Forces Covenant board, Councillor Andrew Stephenson, County Councillor for Hertford All Saints, Squadron Leader Craig Hodgkinson, representing RAF Henlow, Captain J P Heffernan BEM and Sargent P Slaney from 254 Medical Regiment. The assembly was planned to present Jonah in Year 4 with his prize for winning the armed forces Christmas art competition. RAF Henlow have presented the school with a day trip to the RAF base. I will be able to take 45 Key Stage 2 children so I now have the tricky job of choosing who will go. More information to follow soon.

School Improvement Partner Visit

This term we were visited by our improvement partner from county. She spent the day working with the Senior Leadership Team monitoring the teaching and learning of Maths across the school which is one of our main focuses this year. During our feedback session, she was very positive about the teaching of Maths in the classrooms she visited and was very impressed with the work our new Maths lead, Mrs Cole, has put in place already. Part of her visit consisted of carrying out pupil interviews. She interviewed pupils from across year 2 to year 6. Her feedback about the children made us very proud. She said they were absolutely lovely and talked with enthusiasm about their learning and other aspects of school life. One pupil said 'My teachers are always happy to help me with my problems.'



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Safeguarding our Children

This week we have had a 'Distractions Workshop' carried out with all of our Year 6 pupils. It covered the dangers of using mobile phones whilst making their journeys to and from school including secondary transition. Samantha Parfitt our local road safety officer carried out the workshop which included watching a short film followed by a practical exercise highlighting the risks around using a mobile whilst walking.

E-Safety

6th February was E-Safety day. If you weren't able to collect resources from our E-Safety table in the hall please ask your class teacher.

Sports Update

Mr Wilkie has been busy organising many opportunities for our children to take part in more sports activities & events. Part of this has been setting up a girl's football club which has been very popular. We have more children than before taking part in our active clubs. Pupil voice has been carried out and the children spoke positively about the opportunities they have.

Leo Year 1 "PE is good because it makes my muscles stronger."

Thomas Year 6 "PE allows us to develop different skills."

The school's football and netball teams are both continuing to compete against local schools. Look out for our new netball & football strips at the upcoming matches.

Lost Property

We appear to have many items of clothing continuing to fill up our lost property boxes. Please ensure all items belonging to your child are named so that we can try to get them back to their rightful owners.

Coming up

The week beginning 19th February will be well-being week. Mrs Clarke, our PSHE lead has written to you with details about this week. On the Friday, we will be having a visit from Mark Prisk, MP for Hertford and Stortford. The children have planned some questions to ask him during a question time style assembly.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. Your children have continued to make us proud. I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Miller

Head Teacher