24th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

More fantastic learning has taken place this week with an exciting history visit from Mrs Smith. Children in year 3 and 4 were taken back to the time of the Romans looking at many different artefacts. The children had a fantastic afternoon.

Children throughout school have been learning about Chinese New Year and have enjoyed a range of activities.

Our School Advisor, Mrs Burrows visited this week to look at teaching and learning throughout school. It was a really positive and useful visit. The staff and children shared work with a particular focus on Science. Lessons were observed in three classes, books from every class were looked at and children from Y4 and Y6 were invited to talk about their work. Yet again, our children did us proud speaking with great knowledge, understanding and confidence.

Mrs Burrows commented that it was really good to work with the staff who work as a great team. She felt that enthusiasm was evident everywhere she went. Lessons were well planned, interesting and provided challenge for all. She observed good behaviour for learning in lessons with articulate and polite children. She concluded by saying that our “children were a delight”. Thank you to all the staff and children!

Children continue to take great pride in their uniforms and make a real effort to look smart each day. Please can I remind you of our school uniform policy which states that children should have black shoes – no trainers.

I have noticed a few hoop earrings in school over the past few weeks. If children wear earrings, please can I ask that these are small studs. This is for safety reasons particularly during PE.

**IMPORTANT Test dates: Y6 SATS** tests will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th May 2020.

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**Y1 Phonics screening** will take place during the week beginning 8th June 2020.

The tests MUST be taken on scheduled days throughout these weeks. Please can I ask that no holidays are taken during this time. Parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 6 will be invited to a meeting on Tuesday 4th February where more information about the tests will be shared. A separate letter will follow shortly.

I had a ‘near miss’ reported to me earlier this week where one of our pupils ran across the road on their way to school. Please can I ask that you remind your children of road safety procedures as the roads surrounding our school are so very busy. We want to see all children arriving safe and well every day!

Thank you all for your continued support.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend with your children. Mrs Oxborough

**Forthcoming Dates**

* 4th February: Phonics & SATS information meetings for parents of children in years year 1, 2 and 6 (a separate letter will follow)
* 7th February: NSPCC number day
* 11th February: Safer internet day
* 14th February: School closes for half term
* 24th February: Children return to school

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