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Message from Mrs. Collett,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to Term 3!

Pupils have come back to school full of ambition as we start the new year! During our whole school assemblies we have been focusing on setting goals for the future and have been talking about our dreams and aspirations. Pupils have been thinking about how to break these goals down so that they can be achieved and have also heard from different teachers about what their goals and ambitions were and are and how they have managed or are working towards achieving these. Our whole school Churchwood Superhero Value Ada has helped us tremendously with this too.



For parents of pupils in Years 2 and 6 we hope you have found our SATs Loom videos useful and informative; and they provided you with an insight into how we are preparing pupils in these year groups for the end of year statutory assessments. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any queries about any of the information shared. The Loom videos will remain on the Class Dojo pages so can be revisited again at any point by parents if needed.

This week we have sent you information about our new maths number fluency strategy that we are launching across the school. We will be challenging children to get to outer space by filling their brains with the key number facts and times table knowledge! Pupils will be rewarded for learning number bonds and times tables as they move up across the school. Class teachers will be focusing on this across maths sessions and our busy bee early morning work. Like reading, regular little and often practise of basic number facts will help pupils retain this really important maths skill. Your support with this at home is really appreciated. Class teachers will share further information about this via their Class Dojo pages.

Finally, thank you for your continued support linked to Covid over the last few weeks of term. As you know, we have seen a significant rise in cases within both pupils and staff, which has been challenging to manage. I am very pleased that we have managed to keep the academy open for all year groups. Your support with testing your children regularly with lateral flow tests and wearing masks on site is greatly appreciated. Thank you for continuing to do this while covid cases are high in our locality.

Best wishes, Mrs Collett



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



School Council pupils have been working hard on their latest project with Mrs Gilbert. With the help of their class mates, they have been collecting empty crisp packets, sorting and flattening them so that they can be sent off to make warm blankets for the homeless. They worked excellently as a team displaying our Churchwood values of Empathy and Co-Operation.

This will make a massive difference to those in need; brilliant work all!



Accelerator Reader Stars!

Congratulations to Cheyenne and Myles from Year 3 who have been working hard on their reading at home. They were the lucky winners of book vouchers in our weekly reading draw after achieving 100% on their accelerator reader quizzes!





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2021 / 2022 TERM DATE

REMINDERS

Term 3

INSET Day 4th January

Pupils return on 5th January ~ 11th

February

Term 4

Pupils return on 21st February ~ 1st April

Term 5

INSET Day 19th April

Pupils return on 20th April ~ 27th May

Term 6

INSET Day 17th June

Pupils return on 6th June ~ 21st July

~ Dates for your Diary ~

1st February 2022	Chinese New Year Chinese New Year Assembly and Special Chinese themed school lunch
2nd February 2022	Year 3 Welly Walk
8th February 2022	Whole Academy Internet Safety Day
28th ~ 4th March 2022	Book Week—Fairy-tale Land Themed
3rd March 2022	Dressing up as a book character day ~ more information to follow on this.
8th March ~ 1st April 2022	Science Week at Churchwood

STAR READING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Zak from Ahlberg class for completing another 50 reads at home! Zak was rewarded with a trip to our reading vending machine to pick a book to take home! Keep up this brilliant effort Zak, we are so proud of you!



Internet Safety Reminder

We have been teaching our pupils about the importance of e-safety and learning about how we can keep safe online using the SMART rule. Ask your child about their learning on this at home. If you need support with setting up your device's security settings, please let us know. We are happy to help!



IS FOR SAFE

Never give out personal information to strangers on the internet. Personal information includes things like your home address and your birthday.



IS FOR NEVER MEET

Never ever meet up with a stranger you have met online unless a parent or guardian has said it is ok and is present. Never, never, never, never, never.



IS FOR ACCEPTING

Don't open emails from people you don't know, they could contain viruses. If you get a strange email from a friend and you think they might have a virus make sure you let them know!



IS FOR RELIABLE

Don't believe everything you read online, check your facts! Did you read it on a reliable website like the BBC? Are other websites saying the same thing? Does it tell you where they got the information from?



IS FOR TELL

If you have an online safety problem, make sure you tell someone. Tell a parent, guardian, or teacher as soon you can.

TERM 2 ATTENDANCE WINNER

Congratulations to Logan from Year 5 who won our Term 2 Attendance prize draw for 100% attendance! We hope you enjoy spending your Amazon voucher. Remember everyday at school counts!

