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**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

## Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



In Fang's family Eagles had the best attendance, while Rabbits were the most punctual class.



Leopards were the best attenders in Miss Lilac's family, and Hawks were the most punctual class.



Well done to all four classes!

## Meetings for Potential New Parents

A reminder that we are inviting any prospective parents for Nursery or Reception at Bourne next year to visit us on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. We will be holding a talk and a tour of the school at 2.00pm and also at 6.00pm. Please spread the word!

## School Dinners

After half term, the kitchen will be switching to a Winter menu, and will no longer be offering baguettes as a choice. They will return when the weather warms up later in the Spring.

## Half Term

Please remember that Friday is the last day of Term 1. Next week is the half term holiday, and the children will return to school at the usual time of 8.45am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

On behalf of the staff and the governors, I would like to wish you a safe and restful half term.

## Parent Consultations

After half-term, we will be putting out the signing-up sheets for parents of children in Nursery to Year 6 to book their Parent Consultation slots. These will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We will be offering all our appointments between 2.30 and 8.00pm. Please remember that children are always invited to attend these meetings with their parents or carers.

The sheets will be available to parents in the foyer before and after school.

## Secondary Transfer Applications

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that applications for secondary schools need to be submitted to East Sussex County Council by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. If parents are planning to use the paper admissions form, these are available from the school office, and these must also be with the local authority by 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you wish to send them via the school, they must be with us by next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Please don't miss this deadline – if you apply after the closing dates without a good reason it will be dealt with after the 'on time' applications have been processed. If schools are filled by those who applied on time, it is most likely that East Sussex will have to offer another school which still has places.

## House Points for this Week

<b>Dragon</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>Unicorn</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>Centaur</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>Gryphon</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>Minotaur</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>points</b>

Well done **Dragon!**

## Attendance Matters

We know that it will soon be getting much colder, with dark and frosty mornings, and colds and coughs are commonplace at this time of year, but we are keen to have the children in school as much as possible so that they are learning well, and don't miss out on developing important skills, knowledge or understanding.

Please try to encourage your child to come into school as much as possible. Usually, if they are feeling a little under the weather in the morning, this generally clears up as the day progresses. If they do, however, continue to feel unwell, we would, of course, let you know so you can take them home for some rest and recuperation.

On the other hand, we do ask you to keep your child at home for 48 hours if they have vomited or have had diarrhoea. This gives them time to recover, and reduces the chances of any infection being spread to their classmates and friends.

**REMEMBER:** If you miss school, you miss out!

## End of British Summer Time

A reminder that the clocks will 'fall back' on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October – giving us all an extra hour in bed on Sunday (hopefully!). Please remember to change your clocks so you are not late for school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Diary Dates

- Mufti Day for FOBSA  
*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October*
- FOBSA Disco for years 1 to 6  
*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October after school*
- October half term holiday – school closed  
*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*
- First day of Term 2  
*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – school starts at 8.45am*
- School visits for future parents  
*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm and 6pm*
- Eagles Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9am*
- Panthers Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am*
- Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6  
*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November*
- FOBSA Cake Sale  
*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November after school*
- Hawks Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9am*
- Leopards Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9am*
- FOBSA Christmas Fair  
*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December*
- End of Term 2 – school ends at the usual time  
*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December*
- Christmas holiday – school closed  
*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January*
- Staff Training Day – school closed  
*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January*
- Staff Training Day – school closed  
*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January*
- First day of Term 3  
*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – school starts at 8.45am*

## School Photos

The school photos are looking really good. Any orders for photographs should be returned by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Anyone wishing to have a retake of their child should speak to Mrs Bannister.

### Uniform

If you find a spare few moments during half term, PLEASE could you name your child's school uniform. It is very frustrating when children lose items of clothing which are not named, and most unnamed clothing ends up in the lost property bin. One red jumper looks very much like another, and I have witnessed parents having to resort to sniffing an item of clothing to see if they can identify it! For the sake of a relatively small amount of effort, a big amount of stress and work could be reduced. Thank you!

### Access to Foodbanks



Foodbanks are becoming increasingly important to some members of our community. We are able to issue foodbank vouchers to families in

need. This is a totally confidential process, and only Miss Munro knows which parents or carers have requested this support.

If you think that you would qualify for this support, please ask to see Miss Munro in complete confidence.

### Punctuality – a reminder

I am still concerned by the number of children who are arriving late to school in the mornings. It is extremely important that every effort is made to have all children in school promptly to begin the school day, as this allows them to settle in with their classmates, to participate fully in their planned lessons and to start their daily education without feeling rushed and disorganised.

# FOBSA

# DISCO

A reminder that *Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October* is not only a Mufti Day, it is also the day of our school discos! Tickets are on sale all week!

If children want to come into school that day in their own clothes, they need to make a donation of £1 to FOBSA.

We also have the date of our first cake sale of the year! This will be held after school on *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November*.

All donations gratefully received!

