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Dear Parents/Carers of «Name»

«Class»

What a fantastic end to our first half term! The weather has remained glorious and there has been lots of great learning going on in the classrooms, all celebrating Black History Month. Explorers have been looking at Martin Luther King and his dream of black and white children holding hands and playing together; Adventurers have been finding out about Harriet Powers and how she used quilt making as a means of bringing different people together; Voyagers have been discovering about the great work of Mary Seacole, creating fact files and looking at herbal remedies; Discoverers has been writing about their own dreams based on Martin Luther King's famous 'I have a dream' speech and the Pioneers have been researching the life of Nelson Mandela and how he was relentless in his fight for freedom. All of this work will be on display in the school hall after half term. We have also had our first Sharing Assembly from our Explorers class - who very confidently shared with their audience, the learning that they have been doing so far this year.

Thank you to all of you that made it into Parents' Evening this week to discuss your child/ren's progress. We hope you found the process useful. As we all know, a positive relationship between school and parents plays a vital role in ensuring that your child makes the best progress possible. If you were unable to attend, please liaise with your child's class teacher to make an appointment as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a fantastic, restful half term - don't forget to send us a postcard.
See you back in school on Monday 22nd October

Maxine Michalowski

Grandparents' Lunch

Thank you to all of you that were able to join us for lunch on Tuesday. Thankfully the weather was on our side and not only were you able to enjoy eating with your grandchild but also join them outdoors for their lunch time play - skipping, playing cat and mouse, badminton and a cricket/rounders style games. You all seem to be having a great time. Also many thanks to Helen and Anya in the kitchen, who always do a sterling job cooking the hot meal and worked especially hard on Tuesday to produce so many more hot lunches, for you to enjoy.

We were delighted that it was so popular and I am sure there will be other lunchtimes throughout the year where we invite different special adults into school.

Just as a reminder, some Grandparents were observed taking photos. I think I managed to speak to most but if you can just remind any of our visitors, that these photos must be for personal use only and not be placed on social media if they have any other child/adult in the background.

Staying Safe Online

To find out more about the social networks, sites and apps that are popular with children, visit 'Net Aware - the O2 and NSPCC no-nonsense guide for parents. It covers over 50 of the apps and sites that are most commonly used by young people, and has links to information to help you and your child stay safe online. Visit net-aware.org.uk for more information.

Triathlon

On the 24th September, Year 4, 5 and 6 went to Charnwood College for a Mini-Triathlon. It wasn't too hard but it wasn't too easy either. We had to swim, cycle/scoot around a track then run to the finish line. We all enjoyed it. **Charlie and Emelia**

Kingswood

At Kingswood we did laser quest, aero-ball, crate stacking, mini Olympics, nightline and lots of other activities. Every morning we did a 'This is a repeat after me song. What is it??!' For break times we played fruit salad and splat. We had a lot of fun in the dormitories and everywhere else. **Noah and James**

Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 3rd October, most of Year 5 and 6 went to a Tag Rugby tournament at Ashby Rugby Club. We learnt a lot of the rules as we went along. All together we played nine games of rugby. In the first round we competed against Donisthorpe School; when we first saw the players we were nervous. The aim of the game is to get the rugby ball to the try line. Even though we didn't win, we had a great time with our friends as we worked as a team. **Molly and Braden**

Fund Raising

As lots of you may know, one of our pupils Ellysia is a keen swimmer and often shares with us in assembly some of her water based achievements. Next month, Ellysia is competing her stage 10 badge. As part of this, she has to swim 3000 and 4000m. Ellysia's aim is to swim 3000m (120 lengths) and if she has enough energy she will just carry on for another 1000m! Wow! To add to this, Ellysia has decided to raise money for the local Air Ambulance Service and the School Library project. We are very proud of Ellysia's swimming achievements and that she has chosen a fantastic charity, which all of us hope never to need to use, and the school library that we would like everyone to use! If you wish to sponsor Ellysia, please speak to myself or Mrs Dennis in the School Office. Ellysia not only are you an amazing 'merperson' but an inspirational young lady too. Good luck in your challenge.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 11th October

Individual and Family Photos

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Voyagers Multi Sports Festival

Friday 12th October

SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - INSET DAY

Monday 15th October - Friday 19th October Half Term

Monday 22nd October

Back to school

Friday 31st October

Adventurers Multi Skill Festival - details to follow

Saturday 3rd November

Cross Country @Packington 10:30am start

Tuesday 13th November

School Nurse Visit @2:30pm - appointments only

Saturday 8th December

Cross Country @Viscount Beaumont, Colerton 10:30 start

Monday 10th December

Explorers Christmas Production 1:30pm

Tuesday 11th December

Explorers Christmas Production 10:30am

Wednesday 12th December

Adventurers/Voyagers Christmas Production 1:30pm

Thursday 13th December

Adventurers/Voyagers Christmas Production 4:00pm

Monday 17th December

Year R, 1, 2, 3 to watch Peter Pan @ DeMontfort Hall - details to follow

Wednesday 19th December

Year 4, 5 and 6 to watch Wizard of Oz at Birmingham Rep - details to follow

Thursday 20th December

Carol Service 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday 21st December

Breakup for Christmas

Monday 7th January

SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - INSET DAY

Tuesday 8th January

School opens for all children

Friday 15th February

School closes for half term

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February Half Term