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With belief and hard work anything is possible

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Assessments

Please note that children across school will be carrying out key assessments in May and early June, in preparation for moving into their new classes in July. Y1 children, and some Y2 children, will undertake statutory phonic screening during week commencing 12th June. Y2 children will undertake SATs assessments in May and KS2 SATs for Y6 children are set for week commencing 8th May 2017.

Safeguarding

You will be aware of national concerns regarding “cyber-bullying”: the inappropriate use of mobile phones, tablets and devices such as “Fitbits”; the internet; e-mail and social networking sites. We do teach children about e-safety as part of the curriculum, but a recommended element of school e-safety is for mobile phones, and other devices, not to be brought to school. We are happy for children to wear “Fitbits” as long as any messaging facility is disabled for school. We do realise that, occasionally, there may be a request for a phone to be brought in an emergency situation, in which case we would ask that parents contact school, and that the phone is handed in to the school office. However, we would ask that this is not expected to be a standard practice.

We have also added to our website an excellent advice leaflet for parents/carers produced by Cleveland Police called “Stay Safe On Line”. We would urge you to read this leaflet, as it gives clear and up to date advice to help you support your child in staying safe on-line, as well as what to do if you are concerned about bullying and/or potentially illegal activities on-line. Look under Parents – E-safety at the website address above, or ask for a hard copy from the school office.

We have updated our policy on “Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions”, in light of government and local health professional advice. Please request a copy, should you require it, or see the school website for further details. We remain happy to voluntarily administer prescribed medication in school, as long as parents/carers complete a request form. However, we will not accept 3 times a day antibiotics, as health professionals have advised that this medication should be given on a morning, upon going home from school and in the evening.

Attendance and Punctuality

As you are aware, each week, in assembly, the class with the highest attendance receives a certificate, which is then displayed proudly in the classroom. In addition, for each day that the class has 100% attendance and no lates, the class receives £1 towards resources of their choice, equating to a possible £190 over the year!



Here are the total rewards earned in each class as we reach the halfway point of the year:

Class	Total
Y3D	£46
Y6T	£30
Y3A	£29
Y5W	£27

Y2ES	£26
Y4LN	£22
Y1B	£22
Y1K	£21
RBW	£21
Y4RN	£19
RCR	£13
Y6P	£12
Y5D	£11
Y2AS	£10

May I also remind you that it is a parent/carer's responsibility to contact school to let us know if a child will be absent, and to provide a reason. There is a dedicated message service devoted to this, which is checked each morning, and follow up telephone class made, if necessary. If we are not provided with a reason, and are unable to contact a parent/carer, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, and may trigger unnecessary attendance procedures.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance and/or punctuality, please contact the class teacher, myself or June O'Hanlon, who works in school every Tuesday afternoon.

Twitter

Thank you to those parents/carers following us on Twitter. For safeguarding, we can only accept followers upon completion of a simple form, available from the school office. Please complete and return the form, and enjoy keeping up with our latest news and events in real time. We would also welcome your suggestions on developing the account further.

Good News

We have been asked by a local author (and grandparent to two of our children) if we would like to showcase some of our children's writing and drawing in a book that she is writing for Hodder publications about child development. Children's work would be anonymised, but please contact school by Friday 10th February, if you object to your child's work being featured.

More Good News

Thank you to Isabelle, Eve and Charlotte from Y6 for the following report:



What a win!

On World Book Day Friday 4th November 2016 all of the Year 6 librarians went on a small school trip to Laurence Jackson School (LJS) to meet and talk to an author named Dan Freedman. He writes books about the famous child footballer Jamie Johnson.

When we arrived at LJS, Mr Gavin (Head teacher of LJS) gave us a warm welcome to the new school building.

Dan gave all the Primary Schools in Guisborough a talk about his life as a reporter for football games. As the talk went on, he showed us a few videos about motivation and belief. In between his talk Dan Freedman answered some of the questions. Eve C (Y6T) asked him, "Is there any author(s) that inspired you to write books?" He replied, "Roald Dahl and Phillip Pullman."

At the end of his talk, he asked one of the staff in LJS staff which question she thought was her favourite. To everyone in our school's delight she chose Eve's! Eve won a mini signed football and a picture with Dan. After everyone had stopped talking, Dan had a picture taken with every school that was there. He also gave everybody a signed copy of his book 'Born to Play' which is also part of the Jamie Johnson series. On the front of this amazing book there was a quote by the awesome Steven Gerrard.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact school at any time, should you have any queries, concerns or compliments.

Yours sincerely,

J Woodhead
Headteacher