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Dear Parents,

This week's news

A very important whole school focus this week has been online safety. Please reinforce this work by asking your children what the guidelines for safe use of the internet are.

This week I have been out and about in Ash Class. I was very impressed by the quality of the children's explanations when explaining the concepts they were working on. It was also good to see the positive impact that the use of Numicon has had on their mathematical understanding. They are all working hard to increase the amount of maths they do in a lesson. Well done and keep it up Ash Class.

Welcome back Mrs Batts, I know she is as happy to see us again as we are to see her. A big thank you to Mrs Rose and Mrs Greyson who have enabled us to manage Mrs Batts absence so well.

Class Highlights of the Week:

Oak Class: We've been exploring add and even numbers this week and practising counting in 2's. In our topic, reception have learnt about people living in other parts of the world and were fascinated to learn about a family living in a very high tree house in the Indonesian jungle. The children had wonderful ideas about jungle animals and were keen to share their knowledge.

We are going to the woods for our Wellie Wednesday afternoon next week. We will be setting off at about 1.30pm and returning about 2.45pm. Please see Mrs Batts if you can help walk with us or stay.

Ash Class: Linking with our topic work this week, we've been reading traditional tales from other countries including an Inuit tale of how the raven's feather became black. The children enjoyed the animation of the story by an Inuit artist.

We were treated to a skype call from Mrs Greyson's son and found out about the time he spent in the Arctic. The children were surprised by his close encounter with a polar bear and his swim in the Arctic ocean! Brrr!

Dudley Class: Our focus for maths this week has been measuring in mm, cm and m then sorting the measurements into groups based on length. In literacy we've been practising using adverbs and adverbial phrases to add detail.

Waller Class: This week in maths we have been looking at mental and written methods for multiplication and division along with developing our knowledge of tests for divisibility (e.g. how do we know if a number is divisible by 9 with no remainder). In literacy we have continued to work on understanding how to use different sentence types to persuade people to visit France.

We looked at ways to stay safe on the internet and produced a set of guidelines as well as continuing our programming work with Lego Mindstorm.

Wise Class: In Wise Class this week, we have started a unit on persuasive writing and are in the process of producing a 'graffiti tag' which we are hoping to display around school after half term. We have been stretching our thinking in maths whilst calculating percentages and their equivalent fractions and decimals.

Online safety week has led us to discuss how we can stay safe and be sensible online when playing games and contacting friends through various means.

Head of Green Leek Federation Recruitment

The last month has been a busy one for the governing body who have been working on the advertising campaign to recruit the next Head of the Green Leek Federation. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to tell us their wishes.

We have sought the views of pupils, staff and parents and many of the 'post its' received reflected the views of governors who have produced a comprehensive candidate pack and advert. A number of 'post its' have been used in the advert and pack. The advert for the role goes live nationally on the 10th February with a closing date of the 10th March. Prospective candidates will be encouraged to visit both schools and Mrs Patterson has willingly agreed to conduct the tours.

Interviews are scheduled for late March over a 2 day period and will comprise desk top tasks, a presentation, interviews and observations with both schools involved. With a panel of 7 people conducting the interviews it will be a thorough process.

I am confident that we will find the right candidate for our Federation who shares our vision, ethos and values.

Kimberley Lunn Chair of Governors

Unwelcome Visitors

Unfortunately 'head lice' have been spotted in Key Stage 1. Please check your child's head and treat if necessary before returning to school. The pharmacist will advise on the most appropriate current treatment.

Parent Consultation evenings

Parent's evenings are immediately after half term on Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March. Letters have gone out and we would appreciate you returning slips ASAP so that we can get appointment times to you before half term

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017

Vouchers are now available at Sainsbury's until 30th June 2017. Please help us collect for cooking and sports equipment. We are a very sporty school and these vouchers are a great help in enabling us to continue adding to and replacing worn out equipment.

Sport

Football

This time we played against Clapham Terrace, I wouldn't say that the weather helped us as the pitch was a bit muddy in places but that didn't stop us playing our hardest. From the first second we were always pressing for the ball, all that hard work paid off as they cracked under pressure and conceded an own goal, when halftime came we were 3-0 up. After amazing perseverance and brilliant teamwork the game ended 6-0. Well done to everyone who played, a good debut by Oli S and a fully deserved man of the match went to Oli B.

Reporter James Ward

Our next games is on Thursday 16th February against Shrubland Street Primary School at home.

Netball

The Year 6 tournament was great for the A team. We played 5 games, we won 3, lost 1 and drew 1. We had two last second goals from James and Megan which was amazing. We came third in our group and just missed out on a semi-final spot, but we played a breath taking tournament.

Reporter Nathan Green

It was a bitterly cold February afternoon when Year 6 teams gathered from all around Kenilworth on the St Nicholas netball courts. Our B team took part in 5

matches. We drew 2 and lost 3. We played extremely well with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Although there were a few bumps and scrapes it was a great experience even if we didn't win, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Reporter Naomi Darnton

Cross Country

The Central Area Cross Country Qualifier Race will take place on Saturday 4th March at Southam College. The top 18 runners will represent central area in the county race on 25th March. The number of children we are able to take to Southam is being limited by the organisers this year and so we will be selecting our fastest Year 5 and Year 6 runners. Runners must be available for both dates. Letters out next week.

All Saints' Extra - All Clubs end at 4.30 pm, Chill Out ends at 5.15pm.

Mrs Garlick is available by email on garlick.a@welearn365.com or via the school telephone number 01926 400498.

Summer Term Bookings

Summer Term booking forms went out today. Please check bags. Please note that payment must be received as soon as the booking has been added on to School Money once the forms are received.

Places are only secure when payment has been received. Parents using childcare vouchers should continue paying as they do now.

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY BOX OPENING WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Some of our children have been saving donations at home in boxes and candles. Please bring these along. Any additional donations are always welcome, whether they are in a box or not.

Please invite supporters of the Childrens' Society to join us, everybody welcome. Coffee and Chat after the assembly in 'The Hub'.

Children's Bingo Evening 3rd March

Oliver and Felix's Bingo to raise funds for the World School Orienteering Championships in Sicily in the summer. To do this they also have to raise £4,000.

To help with this they are organising the 'Bingo Evening' on March 3rd. Please come along and join the fun whilst also supporting the boys. I'm sure they would also appreciate any donations of suitable prizes, please send these into school. Tickets available later.

P.T.F.A: Making a difference!

Our next Steering Group meeting is on 8th March at 7.30pm in 'The Hub'. We are now beginning to plan our next project.

Following our very successful focus on ICT last year we are now turning our attention to replacing the outside play equipment. We are in 'saving mode' as this is very expensive.

THE BALL

As 'The Ball' draws nearer we would appreciate payment for tickets by 7th April, £29.50 per person.

Quiz Evening March 11th

Book the date for the return of our popular quiz evening with Andy Elsey. Continental platter included, bar available, lots of fun guaranteed. Teams of 6.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Cake Sale 24th March

Our next cake sale for class funds will be on 24th March after the Mothers Day assembly. This time it will be organised by Dudley Class.

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9.30am - NO SERVICE: Road closed for $\frac{1}{2}$ marathon
4.00pm - "On Your Marks": Make a date for our run through a Gospel from starting blocks to finishing line. Be an enthusiastic spectator and feel the excitement of the life of Jesus as told by Mark. Refreshments will be available at the interval and the end.

MESSY CHURCH is changing shape in 2017: **less often but BIGGER PLANS** for exciting activities.

Note the dates for our **Messy Church Easter Special - Sunday 2nd April**, 3pm to 5pm in the Village Hall, and our **Messy Church in the Woods - Sunday 14th May**, 3pm to 5pm at the Arboretum opposite the school

Pocket Toys Children are welcome to bring small, inexpensive pocket toys to school, but not anything large, precious or expensive.

Bag 2 School Day Our next Bag 2 School day is on Wednesday 8 March. Bags have been given out.

Toddlers/Stay & Play

at Leek Wootton Village Hall

Thursdays, term-time 10-11am

For 0-5's, £1.50 per family (drop in)

Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers welcome.

Toys, craft and singing, fun outdoors in our woodland play area. Park close by and good parking.

Ring Janet 258264 for details

Awards

Truly Brilliant- Genevieve Cooper, George Horner, Kiran Rai, Megan Wragg, Lola Tyreman-Goodwin, Emily Ward, Luca Dhillon, Bruno Edge

Silver - Helena Tisdale

Bronze - Oliver Brandsma

Handwriting Level 1 - Alex Constable, Archie Hartwell

Handwriting Level 2 - Freya Dalrymple, Rhiannon Marillier

Mathlete of the Week

Reception - Archie Murphy

KS1 - Genevieve Cooper **KS2** - Harry Wager



All Saints Together at All Saints' Parish Church

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Being a Disciple - Talking with Father

9.30am - All Age Holy Communion with children's groups:

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Being a Disciple - Gathering with Family

8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - All Age Worship

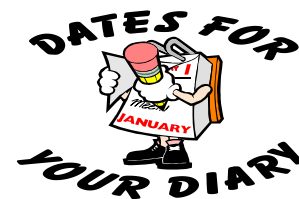
SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Being a Disciple - Telling our Story

9.30am - Holy Communion with children's groups:

SUNDAY 5 MARCH

8.00am - Holy Communion



Please note these dates are given at the beginning of each term for guidance.

Sometimes changes occur that are outside of our control.

Please ensure that dates are checked in weekly newsletters distributed each Friday.

February 14 th	Green Leek Year 6 visit to Gaydon Jaguar Landrover- Control and Modelling Day
February 15 th	9.05 Open Assembly - Children's Society Box Opening
February 16 th	3.30 football v Scrubland St at home.
February 17th	Break up for Half Term
February 27 th	Return to school. Spring Fever Week
February 28 th	Dudley Year 4 and Year 6 swimming to prepare for KDPSA Swimming Gala 3.30- 7.00 Parents Evening 7.00 Resources Committee
March 1 st Date change	9.20 Open Assembly Moira Dickson Year 5 Green Leek Amazing Maths at All Saints Green Leek Wellie Wednesday- Wildlife Trust Workshop at All Saints'.
March 2 nd	UFA Day World Book Day 5.00 - 7.00 Parents Evening
March 3 rd	Felix and Oliver's Children's Bingo Night
March 6 th	7.00 Green Leek Performance and Standards Committee
March 7 th	Dudley Swimming begins 7.00 Green Leek Resources Committee
March 11 th	7.30 - PTFA Quiz Night
March 14 th	7.00 Green Leek Full Governing Body at All Saints'
March 15 th	9.20 Open Assembly Peter Burns
March 24 th	2.30 - Mothers' Day Assembly
April 4 th	1.30 - KDPSA Swimming Gala - Abbey Fields
April 5 th	9.30 - Easter Assembly - Y3 and Y4 - All Saints' Church
April 7 th	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA - All welcome to join us from 1.30pm Break-up for Easter Holiday
April 24 th	Return to School