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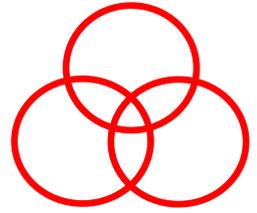
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9th December 2014

Dear Parents,

The end of term is quickly approaching and I have many pieces of information to share with you.

Firstly some staffing updates:

- Mrs Wadrzyk has chosen to concentrate all her time and considerable skills to her Year 2 teaching which has led to our appointment of Mrs Zielinska as a new Teaching Assistant for the Year 6 class. Mrs Zielinska will start with us next Monday 15th December to give her time to learn a few names and classroom routines before we break up for Christmas. In January Mrs Wadrzyk and Mrs Kelly will swap their teaching roles so that Mrs Wadrzyk will teach Year 2 KW every morning and Mrs Kelly will teach the class every afternoon. This will allow Mrs Kelly more time for her Deputy/SENCo/RE Leader commitments.
- We have appointed a strong and highly experienced teacher for Year 5 from January- Mrs Perry. Mrs Perry will spend this Thursday 11th December and next Wednesday 17th December with Mrs Waldman and Year 5 so that she will start to know the children and the existing class routines before she officially joins us in January. I do hope many of the Year 5 parents are able to meet Mrs Perry and say hello on the playground on these two days.

Sports Report for Term 2

Another busy term! Apart from our thriving netball, hockey, multi skills and football clubs, we have taken part in a number of competitions leading to the Sainsbury's School games. We participated in the Abingdon Swimming Gala, Hockey tournament and Gymnastics Festival. We did not qualify in the hockey and swimming but the children did enjoy taking part. The children who attended the Gymnastics Festival were able to show off their skills on all of the equipment. Lexi Mae Neal was a star performer who demonstrated with the squad as a National competitor and county champion.

On Monday the 24th of November, the Year 5/6 football team represented St. Edmund's in the Vale of White Horse indoor 5-a-side tournament at Wantage Leisure Centre. St. Edmund's beat Willowcroft 2-0, St. Swithuns 1-0 and drew 1-1 against Rush Common, resulting in St. Edmund's securing a place in the semi-final. Our team then went on to win the semi-final against Long Wittenham School with a score of 1-0. The team, who played outstandingly well, showing exceptional skill and team work, consisted of Alejandro Oliveros, James Connolly, Sam Will, Joseph Quarterman, Jamie Ashley and Jamie Pick. They will go on to play in the final on the 13th of December against Harwell School, Charlton School and Whitchurch School. We wish the boys and Mr. Long the best of luck in the final!





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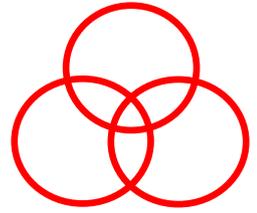
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I am sure as parents you will join me in thanking all of the staff who give so much time and enthusiasm to running all of our sports clubs and arranging, supporting and accompanying all the children in the different sporting events.

Whilst I am thanking people I would like to thank all of our Parents Association team who once again organised an enjoyable and successful Christmas Fayre for us all on Saturday. The final monies are not yet in but it looks like we have raised over £2000; thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to this fantastic amount. Although Saturday was successful it was also quite stressful for our PA members as many people were unable to help with the preparations and setting up in advance which left a lot of work for a few people. Can I ask you all again to consider whether you would be able to share some of your time, perhaps for specific events such as the Christmas and Summer fayre, or more generally by coming to PA meetings and sharing ideas of events and fund raising activities we can do in the future. As with most things, the more people involved the less work there is for all.

On a similar vein, I asked you a while ago to consider becoming a Class Rep for your child's class; that is, someone who communicates between the class teacher and other parents, helping to relay messages, collecting information, sharing thoughts and ideas etc and also someone who helps to welcome new parents on the playground. I am pleased that a few names came forward but we do not have volunteers from all classes as yet. Please do think carefully whether this is something you could do as it is very hard for a class teacher to speak to all parents at times and quite often small but vital pieces of information are missed because the message hasn't got through to all.

Speaking of information getting through to everyone (and at the danger of repeating myself endlessly) please do keep checking our school website regularly now. I am trying to make sure that every piece of information you may need as a current or prospective parent is there and that it is regularly updated now. The class pages in particular are a valuable source of information as they contain curriculum content and routines specific to the class so if you want to know what your child's science topic is this term or what days they do PE for example the website is the place to look.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the next couple of weeks at our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativities and Christmas celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White

