



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the term. Last week, staff embarked on a teaching and learning journey which follows on from some work we undertook with Mr Blight last year. The aim is to support all learners through building on our practises to enhance and support learners at every stage. We also attended a Trust wide training session in Daventry looking at the equality act of 2010 and how we can incorporate this and the 9 protected characteristics in all we do. We have already been using some of the resources in school such as the books 'How to be a lion' and 'Beegu'. We will hold some parent sessions in the summer term to share more with you once staff have had a chance to digest and plan.

Monday we become the county small school football champions! See below but I'm sure you could hear Miss Letts and I scream with excitement and pride when Miss Pallett called school!

The children have returned well rested and full of enthusiasm for learning and I am looking forward to seeing this shine through in their work over the coming term.

Happy New Year to you all,

Mrs Bodman-Knight



STARS OF THE WEEK

PUPIL	CLASS
Olivia	Iris
Ravyn	Demeter
Isabelle	Apollo
Alex	Poseidon
Aeva	Athena
Tilly-Rae	Ares
Aroush	Zeus

All parents are welcome at all our celebration assemblies, every Friday at 9am sharp.

Football

A huge well done to our Y5/6 football team who represented (and **WON**) the Kettering area at the small school county football championships. After a nail biting final that stood at 0-0 after extra time, it came down to a penalty shoot out. A huge well done to our goalie, Oscar, for his amazing saves and those who scored!

This win takes the team through to the regional tournament to be held in Nottingham in the spring.

All of InMAT have sent their congratulations and I am sure you will agree that this is an incredible achievement.

A big thank you to Miss Pallett and Mr Seamarks for your support with the team especially on Monday when the temperature was below freezing!

Uniform

As a school, we have very clear principles about how our school uniform can reflect our aspirations and exceptional standards. Recently, shorts and skirts worn by the girls are getting increasingly short and tight. Some shorts are resembling hot pants and despite being worn over tights, are not suitable for school. Shorts and skirts should not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Likewise, leggings, jeggings and jeans are not the same as grey trousers.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
Sets a tone for the high expectations of our school
Creates uniformity and equality with all children
Fosters a feeling of identity and belonging to the school
Promotes pride amongst our children and a sense of feeling smart.

General Guidelines

'Extreme' haircuts are not permitted in school.
'Extreme' being any haircut that is considered by the school to be significantly different so as to cause distraction to others and therefore their learning and so not in keeping with the school's ethos. Examples of haircuts not permitted include tram lines or equivalent, shaved sides with longer hair across the centre, use of hair products such as gel. This list is not exhaustive.

When joining the school, parents/carers are expected to fully support this policy at all times.

Long hair should be tied back at all times and short hair in a suitable style for school. Plain hair bands are permitted.

No jewellery, except small, plain studs for pierced ears and wrist watches – both of which must be removed for P.E. (ear studs can be covered with plasters for the first few weeks until earrings can be safely removed).

No make-up or nail varnish to be worn in school.

Children may wear caps or hats to protect themselves from the sun or adverse weather conditions.

All headwear must be of plain colour. These items are not to be worn indoors.

Any request to change uniform on religious grounds can be discussed with the headteacher.

Children in Reception – Year 4 need to use a school book bag. Children in years 5 & 6 can use a rucksack.

All children need a clear & labelled water bottle bought into school daily.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE NAMED.

WEATHER:



As the weather gets colder and snow is forecast, please ensure you send your children in with warm clothes.

Tights are great but the girls do need a pair of socks for when they do PE so please pop a pair in their kit bag.

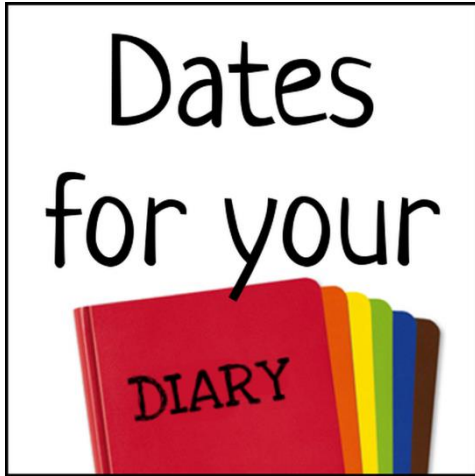
Wellies – if it snows we will allow those with wellies to go and play in the snow. If your child arrives in wellies please ensure they have their school shoes or plimsols with them along with an extra pair of socks/tights in case they get their feet wet. Our radiators are not the ones in which you can dry clothes on and we don't have a tumble dryer in school.

As usual, please ensure all items are named.

In the case of a snow day, we will endeavour to email parents as soon as we know if school is not safe to open. Please also look on social media for updates.

Please remember staff come from all over the county (Mrs BK is on the Milton Keynes's border) so snow does differ in these areas and it may be we can open but not with all staff on site. We will endeavour to do our best and ensure the safety of all at all times.

With no caretaker, gritting is not always able to be completed in the mornings. Where possible, we are gritting after school however please do stick to the paths, be careful on the sloped and stepped areas and use the railings for support.



DATES FOR DIARY!

January

30th January – Athena Year 4 Assembly

February

8th February – Year 6 SATS meeting

9th February – Mufti Day for all years – dress as your mood that day! All proceeds to go to the charity MIND.

SATS Parents Meeting Year 6

Thursday 8th February

Upcoming Share a Story:

Monday 5th February 2024

Thursday 7th March 2024

Hall Meadow

Follow us on social media for more updates on what is happening each day in our school!

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