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News Update – 16th February 2024

Music

Last weekend Mrs Cartwright accompanied seven of our year 6 pupils who were performing as part of 130 strong children's choir from Chester, organised by "Amasing". The children spent the weekend rehearsing and performing a song at Chester Catholic High school and the Lowry in Manchester. The feedback on the day was very positive and there is a chance they could by reach the finals, which will take place in London in the summer. Well done to all the children who took part and thanks to Mrs Cartwright for giving up her weekend to support them.

Sporting News

Two of our year 6 pupils, Sophie and Ajay, were selected to attend the Chester School Sport Partnership Gifted and Talented Sports Session. The children met an ex international rugby league player, Jansin Turgut, who spoke to the children about his own experiences in professional sport. He also ran a fitness session with the children and did a workshop on what it takes to be a professional athlete.

A group children form year 4 took part in a netball tournament at Blacon High School, competing very well with children in older year groups.

KS2 Reading Books

This term we have added to our KS2 reading books. We have new fiction and non-fiction books which the children are enjoying reading.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. We are going to have a focus on traditional tales although children can dress up as any character from a book. To support the event in schools, World Book Day swaps are being held in local libraries.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news/world-book-day-fancy-dress-swaps-to-be-held-in-borough-libraries>

There are also some good ideas suggested on this website which may help. Please do not go to any expense.

<http://www.netmums.com/activities/dressing-up-ideas/world-book-day-dressing-up-ideas>

Head Teacher Recruitment

During the next few weeks interested parties will be able to visit school. The governors will short list before the end of March, with interviews taking place during the first week of the summer term.

Survey Results

Thank you to all parents who took the time to respond to the school survey on School Spider. We will share the results with you all after the half term break.

PTA Valentines Disco

Thanks to everyone who was able to support the Valentines disco last night. The children all seemed to have a great time (although George Michael's "Careless Whisper" cleared the dance floor in seconds!). We will update you after half term on how much money was raised. Thank you to the PTA for organising the event.

Internet Safety

E-safety advisor Alan Mackensie regularly shares updates with school. The two items below and corresponding links are from his latest update which you may find useful:

The NSPCC have been uploading some new videos onto their YouTube channel over the last week. Although not strictly online safety related, I thought it may be useful to share, there are topics such as dealing with bullying, understanding healthy relationships and consent amongst others. To see their latest videos you can follow [THIS](#) link.

Internet Matters have a wonderful set of resources on their website specifically for schools and parents of early years children. The resources are a 4-episode series covering good habits, being mindful, device safety and digital chats. You can find all the resources [HERE](#).

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/#good-habits-start-early>

Parking

We are, as always, concerned with unsafe parking along Common Lane, including driving up the pavement and parking on double yellow lines, making it difficult to cross the road safely. I have contacted our Police Community Support Officer to look into parking practises around the school.

Associate Teachers

As part of our work in partnership with Chester University to support the future school's workforce, we currently have 3 associate teachers in school: in reception, year 3 and year 6 – Miss Lawrence, Miss Fenlon and Mr Williams. We also have students on Early Childhood studies and Primary Education Studies in year 1 and year 5 during next half-term – Miss Horsley and Miss Williams.

Toy Sale

The School Parliament recently met and are planning a toy sale for charity. Please see attached letter for further details.

I hope you all enjoy some extra time with your children over the next week and look forward to seeing everyone safe and well on Monday 26th February. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

S A Talbot

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Head Teacher