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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

What a busy start back it has been this half term! It's been great to see all of the pupils hit the ground running again with their learning. Across the Federation this half term, as part of our cycle of monitoring the whole curriculum each year, we've been reviewing the work in pupils' maths, history and geography books and it's been great to see all of the excellent learning that has been going on.

It's been brilliant to welcome Ms Frier back to work this week - I know how much she has been missed by all of the staff and pupils.

Unfortunately, Active Education have informed us that due to staffing issues, after half term they will no longer be able to run the weekly after school sports clubs. We will look at securing another provider to offer this provision, free of charge for you, as soon as possible.

And finally - thank you so much to all of you who took the time to complete the parent surveys. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and this has been very appreciated by all of the staff. Thank you for your support.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

Best wishes to you all,

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SCHOOL NEWS

Half term feels as if it is arriving early this year and we only have one more week left of school before the half term break. Time seems to be passing us by very quickly.

We will not be at school for Shrove Tuesday this year so rather than miss out on our annual pancake races, we will head over to Friary Fields on the 13th at 2.15pm. Family and friends are very welcome to join us there but please remember to park at the school and walk over. We are unable to park on the grass and the caravan site needs to leave the road free for emergency access.

When we return to school after half term, it will be Lent and our Collective Worships will focus on preparation for this and our school value of Hope. It would be amazing if we could donate 40 items - one for each day of Lent-to the church foodbank. If you are able to make a donation, please send them in with the children and we can deliver them to St Nicholas at our Easter Service on March 27th at 2pm.

Today will feel a little bit like the end of term, with lots going on and a sad goodbye. Damian in Year 5, left our school this afternoon as he and his family are moving away from the area. As is tradition, we rang him out of the playground with 6 rings of the bell. We send Damian and his family our very best wishes for their exciting new chapter.

For all of our other families, we will see you next week!

CLASS NEWS - HOGLETS

It has been a super busy half-term and the children have been learning lots about The Great Fire of London.

In Maths, Hoglets have been learning about length, height and time as well as building numbers 9 and 10. In English they have started writing independently and some great work has been produced. Most recently they listened to the book 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' and had to write sentences describing the fire focussing on their senses as well as writing a diary entry in role as Toby.

I have been so impressed with their art work for this learning theme, this is on display in our classroom at the moment and will hopefully be used in the art exhibition at Salthouse in the Spring.

Hedgehogs have also worked really hard as we have finally finished reading our non-fiction text about the Great Fire of London and the children are now writing up their fact files which have turned out brilliantly, showcasing how much they have learnt about the topic. They also made some great warning posters which are on display in our classroom. In Art and Design they have been making their Tudor houses and these are almost finished and ready to put on display.

CLASS NEWS - SAMPHIRE

Our Lights, Camera Action topic has been a lot of fun recently. It is a topic which has enabled the children to learn about modern history and popular culture. They are producing some amazing writing and artwork!

Years 3 and 4 truly love their book, Matilda. Who doesn't love a story about a little girl who plays tricks on unsuspecting adults?! Years 5 and 6 are also enjoying their mystery text, set around an accident which happens on stage at a West End theatre in Georgian England.

So far, the guided reading texts have been pop songs and poems, which all of the children have loved reading and listening to. They are fully engaged and I have promised to add more songs into their reading lessons.

Coming up in Science, we move away from Light to Sound. We will be carrying out investigations into the pitch and volume of different sounds and given the noise in the playground sometimes, I am expecting some experts!

In History, we will be looking at the impact of technology on people's lives and at some key figures from the 20th century.

In Maths, Years 3 and 4 move on from perimeter & adding and subtracting lengths to a new topic, ……. Fractions! We will be comparing and ordering unit and non-unit fractions and even converting improper

fractions to mixed numbers. Years 5 and 6 have nearly completed their learning on decimals and before Easter will also cover area, perimeter and volume.

As always I encourage all of the children to practice their times tables. We have had some amazing progress from children so far this term so I extend a huge thank you to those of you helping with this.

We have made arrangements for a trip linked to our topic. On 23rd March we will go to Harry Potter Studios near London. It will mean a long day with a very early start to make the most of the day. Letters will be sent out next week with full details.

UPCOMING DATES

13th February	2.15pm Pancake Races, Friary Fields
16th – 20th February	Half Term
27th February	Hoglets/Hedghogs trip to Strangers Hall
4th March	Big Breakfast @ St Nicholas followed by worship in church.
11th & 12th March	Parents Evenings – Letter will be sent home after half term
23rd March	Samphire trip to Harry Potter Studios