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EVENTS

BEFORE HALF TERM



FRI 1 FEB

Infants Drama Workshop

TUE 12 FEB

6:30pm Cornerstones Exhibition

FRI 15 FEB

- ◆ Break up for Half Term
- ◆ Bedtime Stories for Reception and Y1
- ◆ Friends of the Dawnay: Quiz and Chips Night

MON 25 FEB

School reopens after Half Term

Jumble Sale

Please save your jumble for the school jumble sale on Saturday 30th March.

Donations will be accepted from Monday 25th March.

Volunteers will be required on Friday 29th to help set up and on the day itself.

More information to follow.....

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I can't believe we are already at the end of January!

This half term is flying by with so many amazing learning opportunities.

This week has seen a visit from Birdworld to the Lower Juniors as part of their Predators topic and the Upper Juniors welcomed a Minibeast specialist who introduced the children to many wonderful small creatures including a stunning bearded dragon and an enormous stick insect!

Thank you so much to those of you able to take part in the parent workshops last week. Over 60 families were represented and the information exchange was enormously beneficial to us. We hope it was a worthwhile and useful opportunity for you too.

Thank you for those that have already completed the Parent Questionnaire, there is still time to complete and return the questionnaire. We will be pleased to share the results in due course.

As you will be aware, we are bracing ourselves for some very cold, potentially snowy weather. Please see separate box below for further details on what actions the school will be taking in the event of school closure due to adverse weather conditions.

Kayliegh Hewitt-Lee

Adverse Weather Conditions

As I am sure you are aware, the local area is expecting some adverse weather conditions over the next few weeks that may (or may not!) include heavy snow.

As a result, very occasionally, the school will make the decision to close for the safety of both its pupils and staff.

Communication will go out to parents **on the morning of the school closure** by email and text message. There will also be a message on the school website and there will, where possible, be skeleton staff manning the school entrances on the morning of the closure.

Please equip your child appropriately with a warm coat, hats & gloves etc during this very cold spell!

The Dawnay has PRIDE! We use the letters of the word PRIDE to share the moral purpose of the school with all children.

P – *Positive*

R – *Respect*

I – *Independence*

D – *Difference*

E – *Excellence*

Each month we also focus on a specific learning skill and draw attention to its use in lessons.

January's learning skill is:

Imagination.

Learning to create new ideas and to think "what if....."





Minibeast

Visit



Leave of Absence

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each** parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each** child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days

Indoor Athletics

The Upper Juniors did fantastically at the Indoor Athletics competition held at The Howard of Effingham school on Monday 28th January.

After several indoor athletics practice runs at the school, our team of athletes did extremely well at the meet and represented The Dawnay brilliantly with excellent sportsmanship and commitment.

It was a great opportunity for those that had never competed in this type of situation against other schools and to get to see The Howard in action!



Junk Modelling Items !

Ladybirds class will be grateful for any donations for their Junk Modelling.