



Dear Parents/ Carers.

It was good to see lots of you at tea and cakes on Friday. It is a really good chance to chat to old friends and make new ones. Thank you to the FOSG.

Information

We have lots of information coming into school about courses and events in the local community. Please keep an eye on class room windows as it is often put up there and sent via email.

Maths week



We are looking forward to maths week in the week beginning the 26th January. Please come along to the Maths workshop on Thursday 29th January at 2.20.p.m. Miss Parry will be showing a film of our children across the school covering the progression of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. She will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Please contact the school office to book your place. We really look forward to welcoming you.

Curriculum information

We have added even more useful curriculum information to the school website. Please take a minute to have a look.

Sports Coaching



All children in Year 1 and 2 will be benefitting from 3 weeks PE coaching from Game on. Each class will receive coaching over a three week period. This will introduce the children to some new PE skills

which can be built upon in their PE sessions with their class teachers. When taking part in PE inside, all children in school should wear a white, plain t-shirt and plain black shorts. If the children are having PE outside, they can wear a tracksuit in cold weather.

Squirrels Assembly

We look forward to seeing parents/ carers of Squirrels at their class assembly on Friday 23rd January.

Reception



It was lovely to see lots of grandparents in school this week. The children in Reception classes had great fun telling them all about their learning and activities in class. They also enjoyed a day without electricity on Friday as part of a history week. All the children were very careful to make sure the adults didn't cheat!

Parent forum

All classes have parent reps who sit on the parent forum. We meet regularly to discuss any issues raised by parents, although we do not discuss individual children. We also raise any issues put forward by staff. If you would like an item added to the agenda, please go the parents section of the school website - parent forum where you will find an e mail address.

Friends of Swing Gate

FOSG have bought a scooter rack to support the number of children scooting to school. It will be in school soon. Mrs Howe has completed an audit



of the library. We are now ready to design our new library within the limited space we have. We look forward to it being lighter and brighter with child friendly guides to the library. We will also buy new library books to ensure the library is specifically infant based. Thank you to the FOSG who are funding this project.

Christmas cards.



Thank you to you all for bringing in cards. I believe we have at least two thousand! Mrs Wyatt will be taking some children to Marks and Spencer to deliver all our cards. At least two trees will be planted in response to our efforts. Our School/ Eco council are working hard to put forward sustainable ideas and views within the community.

We try to cut down on the use of envelopes and paper hence the use of parent mail and internal mail envelopes (orange with your child's name!) We also recycle batteries and printer cartridges which you can drop off at the office.

Our eco council are also reminding us to switch off lights and other electrical equipment when not in use. They are our caped crusaders!

Parking in Curtis way and the locality.

We have received further complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking. This has included blocking driveways, preventing cars from being able to exit their driveways. We have good relationships with our neighbours and would like to maintain these. Please be aware of our neighbours needs when parking.



Our children continue to take part in walking to school activities. Please support us in this as far as you are able.

Internet safety meeting Tuesday 3rd March Westfield Primary school 7 p.m.

Swing Gate has got together with Westfield and other local schools to host an evening session to support parents in looking at Internet safety for children. Places are limited, so please contact admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk (head your email "internet safety") or phone 01442 862729 if you are interested in attending.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd January - Squirrels Assembly

FOSG - Bedtime Story evening

Friday 30th January - Rabbits Assembly

Friday 6th February - Owls Assembly

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4th Berkhamsted Brownies

Berkhamsted Brownies are looking for some new adult volunteers to run this happy successful brownie group which takes up to 24 brownies aged 7-10 years. We are an active group offering a broad and exciting programme including shelter building in the forest, litter picking, outings and much much more. We meet in the Court House, St Peter's Church on Mondays from 6 - 7.15 during term time. To find out more please contact Karen Walker (karenewalker@btinternet.com)