

Newsletter - 17th November 2017



There have been a lot of fundraising events going on recently. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to our 'Sensational Sixes' who ran the first community cafe of the year last Friday and raised over £150 for FOSS. They were great ambassadors for the school and even laid on some live music thanks to Oscar and Jack. The children had a great day today raising money for Children in Need thanks to the School Council who organised and publicised the events all on their own with a bit of help from Sue Roach. The 'Pop up Cafe' was a lovely idea and they will be putting their thinking caps on next term to plan a charity day for the children's chosen charity of Hospice South West.

Monday is the collection day for the bags to school. Please try to bring in anything that can be recycled. It can be in an ordinary bin bag if you have lost the original bag. The website has details of which items they will take. <http://uk.bag2school.com/>

After a few false starts the front playground is nearing completion. We have a garden area all ready for the growing season in Spring and a much more user friendly playground. The lottery funding for the project was thanks to Tam Russell who works across the academy raising funds for all the school and is a result of the Bid Writer employed by the Link Academy Trust and is a great example of the benefits of being in a Multi Academy trust.

This afternoon, the writers in Dragonflies were able to show off their first published books to their parents and carers. Their books were based around 'The Disgusting Sandwich' and are the result of a lot of hard work from the children and Miss Foley. I hope you enjoyed reading them as much as I did!

Next Friday is an Art Day for the whole school. Your children should have brought home some home learning today set by the artist Sara Downham-Lotto in preparation for the day. Thank you to those of you who have made a contribution of £4 for the day. There is still time for you to pay if it has slipped to the bottom of your to do list! The Art Day will also be a mufti day but remember the children will be working with glue, paints and mixed media and the creative process can be a messy one! FOSS have asked the children to bring in a jam jar filled with things suitable for a tombola prize at the Christmas Fayre as payment for the mufti day.

If you are calling in to school during the day, can you make sure that you close the gate to the playground behind you. We never have children out on the playground without an adult but it is better to be safe than sorry. Attached to this email, you will find a safeguarding newsletter from Tony Callcutt, our Executive Principal and Anna Neville, the Link Academy Trust governor responsible for Safeguarding. Next week, Mrs Yeo will be out of school on Monday and Tuesday as she is undertaking training to become our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Weekly Attendance 13 th - 17 th November 2017		Days Missed	Lates
Whole School	96.02%	20	5
Ladybirds	97.22%	2	1
Butterflies	96.55%	5	1
Spiders	95.67%	6.5	2
Dragonflies	95.19%	6.5	1
Well done to Ladybirds for great attendance!			

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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For more information, please visit our website
<http://stokegabriel.thelink.academy/safeguarding/>

Diary Dates	
23 Nov	Spiders - Athletics at Paignton College
24 Nov	Whole School Art Day
24 Nov	Open Day from 3 pm - 5 pm
29 Nov	Butterflies' Trip to Totnes
1 Dec	Mrs Lewsey's Cake Sale 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
8 Dec	Christmas Fayre at 3 pm
12 Dec	Spiders Trip to Bristol Science Museum
12 Dec	Nativity for Ladybirds and Dragonflies (PM)
14 Dec	Christmas Carol Concert (Butterflies and Spiders)
15 Dec	Last day of Term - Finish at 2.30 pm
3 Jan 2018	First day back to school for pupils

