



3rd February 2017

Note from Mrs Coulthard

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week Mrs Mawson, Mr Broadstock, Mr Smith and I journeyed to Leeds for the final two days of Singapore Maths training. We have learned lots and are looking forward to sharing our learning with the rest of school this term. Early indications are showing a big improvement in the achievement of pupils in Maths and the quality of teaching we have observed in classes. We are hoping to run some more workshops for parents later in the school year to help you to fully support your children at home.

Letters will also be going out this week to the Y6 parents in both our schools with regards to us holding our first 'Y6 Booster residential' at Brathay Trust in the Lake District. We are hoping to make this an annual event and aim to use the time there to fully repair the children for their forthcoming SATs in a most relevant, enjoyable and memorable manner. Pupils will be able to spend time with their friends from our partner schools and work with a range of staff from each school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Young - What's been happening this week....?

On Monday afternoon, we welcomed back the children from Miss Pollard's class that went to Low Bank Ground last Friday. They had a wonderful time in the Lake District and had lots of stories to tell and will have fond memories that they will keep with them for a long time.

It was week three of the Parent-Child connections workshop as part of the 'U Can!' Programme. Again, this was a great success, thanks to the parents that are attending the sessions. The feedback from the workshop has been very positive and I hope this is helpful to you all.

On Wednesday, we hosted a 'New Year – New Mindset' workshop for parents, carers and friends of our school community. These sessions proved to be very productive and everyone sharing how they will now use their assets in the community. If you couldn't make either of the sessions, feel free to take a copy of the information shared or ask a member who attended and I'm sure they would talk you through the workshop content.

Mrs. Mawson's year 4 children went to Westleigh High School, they had a wonderful time and found out that the Romans made their own bread; they had a go at making their own too! The rest of the year 3 and year 4 children will be visiting soon to have this experience.

On Thursday, the final Y5/Y6 class embarked on their trip to Low Bank Ground. Later that day, Mrs. Evan's class returned after a fantastic adventure and learning new skills. The children had many exciting stories to tell about their time in the Lake District.

Again, I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents / carers that have attended the 'U Can!' workshops which started last week. You may have seen the photos on our School Facebook page; you can come along to any of the sessions, if you're not sure when they are please see, Miss Leake or Mrs. Nutter for any further information.

A big thank you to the parents / carers of Miss Lord's class for attending their class assembly this morning. The children were very excited to share their new learning with their special visitors.

A massive thank you to everyone who donated towards raising £126.65 for Children in Need.

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