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3rd February 2017

Celebration Awards

An enormous Belated Well Done goes to our very talented pupils in Year 5/6 for their amazing production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. Also I must highly credit our very talented production team, director, lighting, sound and costume makers. A HUGE thanks to Mr Batchford, Mrs Callahan, Miss Riley, Mr Sharpe and Mrs Radford for supporting staff and organising costumes. Thanks also to our parent helpers. Donations towards our future productions amounted to £144 which was very much appreciated as I'm sure you are aware that National School Funding has been cut.

New for this year ... Our Year 3/4 Production 'Glint of Gold' will be performed at Tibshelf Community School on Tuesday 28th March.

African Football

Today in school, all classes have had the opportunity to celebrate the CUP OF NATIONS football tournament with some African dancing. The cup of Nations is the African equivalent of the European Championships. Bemma has taught the children more about the competition and about the countries in Africa, as well as teaching them some Caribbean and African dance moves. The final of the competition is on Sunday 5th February at 7pm.

Jack said "It was brilliant and something new for me. I learnt some new moves." Leila also commented, "It's about countries in Africa playing football."

School Disco - Thursday 9th February 4.30-6pm £2.50.

Tickets are on sale. There will be hot food and refreshments available at the disco but this is not included in the price of the ticket. Sweets will not be sold until after hot food has been served.

Attendance and Punctuality

This term we are really working hard at improving our whole school attendance and continuing to work on punctuality to school.

Last half term there was a huge improvement with punctuality to school. A number of children I worked with said how they felt better now they were in school not only every day but on time too.

When I spoke to the children about being late they said that they experienced embarrassment and did not like missing their name on the register. They were aware that they had disrupted other children who had already started working. Children who arrive late are often confused

about what they are meant to be doing as they have missed this information and find it very unsettling.

Punctuality is a good life skill to develop and can be learnt early in a child's life by you showing your child that you feel arriving at school on time is important.

I appreciate that there may be 'one off' occasions of lateness or exceptional circumstances which have been discussed with school. If you are experiencing problems which make getting your child to school on time difficult please do not hesitate to ring me to discuss this.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Jenny Hodson

Learning Mentor

Please can you always inform us if your child is not going to be in school, even if they were off on the previous day.

Care and Safety

If you have any concerns or worries about your child's education or care and safety in school please speak to your child's class teacher initially, or please find me around school. If I'm unavailable at a particular point in time, please direct concerns to Mr Flint or Mr Batchford. School doors are open from 8.40 am; and staff are available in classrooms if a quick chat will ease a concern. Teaching time begins at 9 am; children should be in classes at 8.50 am and after this time please arrange for an appointment to speak to the class teacher through Mrs Ward or Mrs Haresign in the office. Messages will be passed on - Staff will always call you back as soon as they are able to do so.

Any concerns / queries, however small, are always better discussed so issues don't escalate. Thanks for your continuing support as we move our school forward and aim to make your child's time an enjoyable and skilful learning experience.

We always appreciate feedback, please at any time feel free to complete and return the feedback slip below and send it back to us.

Mrs White

Headteacher

Parent/Carer comments

Name _____

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