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Celebration Awards

We have so much to celebrate after a fantastic half term in school.

Firstly I would like to celebrate our hard working FSA (PTA) group of parents/ carers and staff. This year they have raised an incredible £2500 which has been reinvested in school for the benefit of all children. Money raised is essential to keep supporting your children in a time when National School budgets are being cut. Furthermore, our pupils have great fun at our established movie nights, discos and annual fairs. Thank you for your support.

We have purchased £1500 of new pupil reading books, including group readers for daily class guided reading sessions and this has supported the setting up of a daily lunchtime mobile library and Monday book swap shop.

The new scooter and bike rack was jointly paid for by our healthy tuck shop and FSA

And finally the coaches for the school to go to the Pantomime in Derby which cost £600.60

We celebrate our Dance club children who attended the Bolsover Dance Festival on Tuesday afternoon. Our 2 performances were fantastic and all the club danced with a smile ! Alfie was a particular star amongst all the girls. Our performers danced again for the children in assembly on Thursday and presented Alison with a thank you card and some flowers. We say a huge heartfelt thank you to Alison, who is a volunteer helper, who comes every week at no cost to the school or pupils, and inspires them to enjoy dancing. Charlotte said, "Overall we had a fun enjoyable day. It was brilliant to perform on stage. A big thank you to Alison for helping us."

Comments from the Basketball competition on Thursday. "We came 3rd. Our team Tommy-Ray, AJ, Denny, Tyler, Emilee, Gracie, Callum and Millie gave 100% passion and determination. Timmy said "I really enjoyed the competition and can't wait to go again."

As always a big thank you to parents who cheered on our team and helped transport pupils.

Our Gold Star for last week goes to Harry in Year 6 who has astounded all staff this term with amazing behaviour and a fantastic work ethic. Millie, also in Year 6, achieved the gold star this week for a perfect reading diary showing all her/his week in improving reading skills.

Our seats on the Top table this week go to Harry, AJ, and Danny in Y5/6 and Sienna, Freya and Megan in Y3/4

Lunchtime Sports Awards badges were achieved by Josh, Emilee, Daisy and Amy for increased overall participation in lunchtime sports, improving skills and having a go at trying new activities.

We have had an amazing term and progress review discussions with staff clearly show that our pupils are working really well. Keep up the hard work everyone. 19 pupils from across school have achieved Triple Merits over the last 2 weeks. Team points winners this half term are Chatsworth.

Well done to Mr Batchford's class who have won the Attendopoly Cup this week.
Health and Well-being



We have revisited our Esafety work again this week on SAFER INTERNET DAY 2017. Please take time to look at the videos on The UK Safer Internet Centre. This is a partnership of three leading charities; Childnet, the South West Grid for Learning and the Internet Watch Foundation - who provide resources for children, schools and families.

Take a look and help us protect your child. www.saferinternetday.org.uk.



Children's Mental Health Week 2017

Town End is proud to be supporting Children's Mental Health Week 2017 when we come back after our school half term holiday.

Many children go through tough times just like adults and in those moments, the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. That is why we are joining hundreds of other schools to '**spread a little kindness**' by taking part in Children's Mental Health Week.

The Week is hosted by children's mental health charity Place2Be, who support pupils, families and teachers in schools across the UK. During the Week, our assemblies will be supporting Safer internet Day and focussing on how acts of kindness and friendship, with responsible use on the internet, can help and protect your child. Images are part of a bigger picture.

If you would also like to get involved and support the campaign, Place2Be has created helpful advice and resources for parents and carers which you can find on their website:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk.

Coming up

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day next half term through class based activities. Children will be encouraged to bring a favourite book in on this day to share with friends.

Black Dyke Band and Portraits of Tibshelf Concert - Saturday 18th March

There are 7 places still available if you have a year 3 or 4 child who is interested in performing at this event - see letter on website or ring for details.

Red Nose Day - Friday 24th March

We will be having a non-uniform day for donations to this worthy cause.

Parents' evenings - Monday 3rd April and Wednesday 5th April

Care and Safety

It has been reported to me that on Wednesday morning a white car nearly hit a pupil as it turned round in the lane by the side of school. Parents' witnessing the event, thought that both the driver and the pupil were unaware of how close this avoidable accident was.

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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