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Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

2014

June

16/17/18/19/20 - Y5
SRE week
16 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
23 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
26 - New Intake Evening

July

4 - Summer Fair
4 - SEN Coffee Morning
8 - Sports Day
8/9/10/11/14 - Book Fair
9 - Open Evening
10 - Y4 Cricket Festival
14/15/16 - Y6 at Solihull
School
14/15/16/17/18 - Y3
swimming
16 - Y6 Performance at
Solihull School
17 - Leavers' Tea
17 - Leavers' Disco
18 - Leavers' Assembly
21 - **INSET**
22 - **Summer Holiday**

September

1 - **INSET**
2 - **INSET**
3 - Back to school
3 - Y3 coffee morning
5 - Coffee morning

I thought that I would take the opportunity to share with you a couple of emails received about our Y6 residential trip to Red Ridge last week. The first one comes from the driver of one of the coaches on their epic, traffic affected journey home. It reads:

The driver of the larger coach...insisted we receive feedback on the behaviour of our children coming home from Red Ridge last Friday. He says they were impeccably behaved for the whole journey despite the delays. They made his job a whole lot easier and much more enjoyable so a 'huge thank you' from him.

The second email is from one of our Y6 parents. They write:

Just a quick note to say a big thank you to all the team that went to Red Ridge, they truly were amazing to give up their time to take Year 6 to Red Ridge. [My child] had the most wonderful time (including food), [and] had the best time ever. He will take such wonderful memories with him when he leaves in July.

Once again, our children and staff have done us proud in representing us in the outside world, demonstrating those values and attributes we all hold so dear! My thanks to everyone involved in the organisation, logistics and supervising such an incredible and worthwhile trip. As the quote goes,

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. - Vincent Lombardi

On a separate note, I am going to ask that, in line with our Jewellery Policy, as well as in the children's best interests, children do not wear loom band jewellery to school. From now on, anyone found wearing any loom band items will be asked by staff to remove them and place them in their bags or have them held by the teacher until the end of the day.

On another uniform related note, please be advised that due to the discontinuation of the red PE tops, we have changed our outdoor kit to blue and gold tops, blue shorts and socks in line with school colours. These are available through Early Years at a cost as close to the previous kit as possible. We will of course have a phased introduction of twelve months before the new colours are compulsory and parents have to buy new kit.

Have a good weekend!

Mark

Stranger Danger

The local police will be coming into school on Wednesday 25th June to work with all year groups on Stranger Danger. Each year group will have an assembly followed by a discussion/question and answer session with the local police.

Parents are asked to reiterate the 'stranger danger' message to children and report all suspicious incidents immediately.

West Midlands Police has issued the following advice:

- Never go off on your own with a stranger
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or a police station.

Please remember to tell someone what has happened straight away.

Lost Property from Red Ridge

We have a large amount of lost property that was left at Red Ridge last week and is still unclaimed. We have left this in the School Reception for anyone to come along and claim.

There were also a couple of items left on the coach on the return journey. There is a camera case and a well loved monkey (who is incredibly sad and lonely!). Could the owner(s) of these two items please come into the school office and collect from Mrs Pearson.



Keyboard Lessons

Mrs Todd has informed all children that Keyboard lessons next week will take place on Wednesday and **NOT** Tuesday.

Views sought on changes to Children's Centre services

Solihull Council is asking for feedback on proposed changes to the borough's Children's Centre services.

The Council is committed to providing 'early childhood services' to improve outcomes for young children and their families. Services include early education and childcare, health services, training, information and advice.

From April 2015, the national budget for Children's Centres will reduce. Despite this, the Council still wants to provide the best possible service which is why changes are being proposed.

If there is no action, the proportion spent on buildings will disproportionately increase which would reduce the amount available for services. Some of these buildings have fairly low attendance levels and to maintain a high quality service the Council proposes to relocate some of the centres and use community venues instead.

Other proposals include integrating children's services with wider health, learning and care services and securing more targeted support for families that need extra help.

People can read more about the proposals and fill in an online survey at: www.solihull.gov.uk/childrenscentres until Sunday 6 July.

The feedback received will inform how the Council continues to provide 'early childhood services' for young children and their families.

For more information contact Claire Cook, Communications Officer, on 0121 704 6136.