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PARENTAL UPDATE LETTER 4-3-22

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you and your family are coping well during this prolonged period of disruption as the COVID-19 pandemic rumbles on with different variants causing problems across our society and beyond.

Thankfully in school we have managed to keep all classes in the building with none having to move to remote learning. We have had various teaching and non-teaching staff off work due to positive PCR results but pupils have been able to remain in school thanks to the versatility of our staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work in this regard.

Below are a number of points that I want to draw to your attention.

Pyjama Rama Day

- ❖ On Wednesday 16th March we are holding our own version of World Book Day, Pyjama Rama Day!
- ❖ Pupils are asked to come to school dressed in pyjamas.
- ❖ Bring a favourite book.
- ❖ Enjoy reading/book based activities.
- ❖ Have a lovely hot chocolate drink.



St. Patrick's Day Holiday

The school will be closed for St. Patrick's Day on **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March 2022.**

Accelerated Reader

- ❖ From Monday 21st February Accelerated Reader was introduced to P4-7 pupils.
- ❖ This scheme is proving very popular with pupils.



Outdoor Reading Den

- ❖ All primary schools have been allocated funds through the EA Outdoor Learning Project.
- ❖ With this funding we have purchased an outdoor reading den.
- ❖ The Reading Den will be used by groups of pupils from Key Stage 1 for outdoor reading and other group based outdoor activities.
- ❖ This resource should be installed prior to Easter.



Mathletics



- ❖ By using some of our allocated Shared Education Funding we intend to purchase Mathletics for the 2022-23 school year and we will be availing of a free trial of this online resource during May and June.
- ❖ Mathletics is an online resource which has Problem-Solving and Reasoning activities at your fingertips. Built for the Modern Learning Environment, Mathletics PSR questions challenges students to think logically, reason critically, and solve creatively.
- ❖ Students find engagement through purpose and reward. Mathletics provides learners with the chance to put their mathematics skills to use through activities and challenges that are relevant and attention-grabbing.

Extra-curricular Activities

Healthy Kidz can provide a "Sports Club."

Boys/Girls attending the club will experience a range of sports during the programme, as well as developing their physical and emotional literacy at the same time. From fun games to athletics, dodgeball to basketball, and rugby to American football, there will be a different emphasis every week. Sessions would:

- Take place on Mon 2-4pm
- Require 30 pupils to ensure viability
- Run for 10 weeks up to June
- Cost £3 per pupil x 10 sessions = £30
- Parents pay upfront online

In order to check the viability of this club we are carrying out a survey to get an estimate of possible numbers.

If you would be interested in your child availing of this club, please complete the reply slip below and return to your class teacher.

Keep Safe!

Yours sincerely,

M. Hall (Principal)

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Healthy Kidz extra-curricular Sports Club



I wish my child: _____ Class: _____ to attend the proposed Healthy Kidz Sports Club and am willing to pay the online charge of £30.

Parent's name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__