

Friday 13 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Swimming

Swimming has been a great success this week, your children have had a wonderful time. Huge thanks to everyone who has helped this week and also to those of you who have signed up for sessions this term. We are so fortunate to have a swimming pool, it is warm and a great introduction to swimming. We hope that by the time your child leaves the Infant school they will be aware of water safety and happily get in and out of the pool. If it is raining or cooler your children will still swim. They are currently swimming in groups of 15 which seems to be working really well, we will review this each week. Please look at our Twitter feed @InfantsCHI and the website for some lovely photos.

Pyjamarama

Today we have all enjoyed Pyjamarama and the children have been reading throughout the day. Some of the children have enjoyed a Teddy Bear's picnic and story alarms have been going off throughout the day to signal story time where we have stopped and read a book together. Thank you very much for your donations, we have raised over £265 for the BookTrust, which enables all children to enjoy a bedtime story, for more information go to <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/pyjamarama>.

NSPCC - Speak out. Stay safe.

This week we have been focusing on keeping safe. On Monday we had an NSPCC assembly which encouraged your children to think about times they may be worried and how to get help. They listened beautifully and have been asking really insightful questions. I have attached a letter explaining more about this subject. Our Jigsaw (PSHE) scheme is also looking at relationships this half term, which supports the NSPCC work. In addition, as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting School work the focus this week has been all around how children are cared for and kept safe. This work is so vitally important and discussing these issues with your children at home will support this. Please ask your child if there is anything they are worried about, we do this regularly and the responses often surprise us. We also have a worry box which children can use. We will always talk to you if anything of a serious nature is disclosed to us.

Parental Engagement - Annual Survey

Our partnership with you is so important. Parental engagement is one of the most significant factors in the success of a child. Today we are sending out our annual parent survey. Please follow the link <https://forms.gle/WiusJNyKseWRZBqEA>. We have also sent a paper copy home if you prefer this method. If you would like to add more please just attach a separate sheet. Your views are key to our development as a school. We value it and need to know how you feel, how happy you are with the school and what we can do even better. Thank you for taking the time to do this. We will analyse the responses and send out a summary.

Parent Events in school next week -

As part of our focus on parental engagement our Chair of Governors, Jo Taussig, will host a drop in session on **Wednesday 18th May** at 9.00am. Please come in via the Office if you would like to talk to her. Then on **Friday 20th May** everyone is invited in for tea/coffee and cake in the hall at **2.00pm**. Donations of cakes are most welcome. You will then have the opportunity to go into the classroom at 2.45pm and see your children. We hope to see everyone there.

Celebrating Diversity Coffee Morning

Please come along to the Celebrating Diversity coffee morning on **Wednesday 25th May** at **9.00am** in the Studio, all parents are welcome to come along to discuss how we can celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school community.

Grow a Pound

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the Grow a Pound fund raising event over the Easter holidays, CHIPTA have raised £1,000 and the money will be split between the two schools.

Class photos on Monday

On Monday the children will be having class group photos. Please send all children in to school in their full school uniform, even if they have PE on Monday. Those children who were absent for their individual photos back in September, or have since joined the school, will also have their photos taken.

Airpod found

An airpod has been found and handed in to the School Office, please contact us if it might be yours.

Childcare Options workshop - Family Information service

Please find attached a flyer with information on an online course about Childcare Options for families with children aged 2-4, this may be useful to some of you.

Love the Ball - May half term camp

Please find attached details of the Love the Ball half term camp being held at the School.

We hope that you have a relaxing weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry