FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017



## A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week our focus has been on 'INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY'

It doesn't mean you can do whatever you want - it means you are free to do what's right.

**NETBALL SUCCESS!** — The term has started with our netball team winning their first game. Sadly, due to the very poor weather conditions the outdoor space for the football team was not viable for the match this week. Please see the match report below from netball captain, Sophie Woodrow:

MATHS AND ENGLISH INFORMATION – Just to remind parents that the last of the four information evenings for parents will be taking place on Tuesday. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Teasdale and Mrs Pallot for their very informative presentations and to all the parents who have been able to get to these meetings and taken part in the practical sessions in good spirit! For those parents who have not been able to get to these meetings, Mr Teasdale and Mrs Pallot are in the process of creating maths and english information pages for all parents to access. We aim for these to go live within the next couple of weeks. We also aim to add to these areas of the website, any resources that we feel you may find useful for your child.

**EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED!** – Last night, there was much to discuss and get excited about at the FOPS meeting. So many events are lined up that will provide much needed opportunities to raise funds for the school. The next event will be a quiz night for the parents, grandparents and anyone else who feels they would love to come along and have a bit of of fun with a team of keen quizzers! So put **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November** in your diaries and exercise those brain cells with a bit of revision for a night of challenge and (hopefully) achievement! Bring your choice of beverage that may give you the dutch courage to put your answers/best guess forward and enjoy the delicious delights of a baked potato smothered in tasty chilli. A night not to be missed! Christmas will soon follow this event and we have a fantastic idea that we know will bring the whole community together to share in a magical Christmas end of term event. We look forward to telling you more about that nearer the time. The next FOPS meeting will be held **on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm**. Please come along and see what Christmas events are planned and find out how you can help.

RAK CLUB NOMINATIONS – This week Jessica Lord-Perry has nominated Georgia Murphy for offering to share her snack at playtime. Mrs Heffer has nominated Samuel Kneebone for asking to include another member of his class in his group when he noticed they needed help with their activity. Daisy Davies and her mummy have written to say a big thank you to the group of Year 6 pupils that helped Daisy when she fell over in the playground. Daisy has talked to her mummy a lot about those who helped her in the playground. Eli Mitten has nominated Austin Mitchell for his kindness whilst playing football. Mrs Teff has nominated Miss Braddon for being so helpful when Mrs Teff needed to pick up Alex from school. Well done to all those who have been nominated for having done those little extra things to help others this week.

**FLU VACCINATION RETURNS** – Please could we remind parents to return the flu vaccination forms to the school office as a matter of urgency. Vaccinations will be taking place on Thursday, 12th October and the forms need to be collated before then. If you could drop them into the school office on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **FOPS UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the FOPS AGM last night, it was lovely to see some new faces. Part of the meeting was a vote for re-election of officer's, positions will remain the same for the following year: Rona King, Chair, Susie Matthews, Treasurer and Sarah McConnell, Secretary.

We also reviewed the previous 12 months and we thought it would be useful to share with you the wide variety of activities and equipment that FOPS have made contributions towards with funds raised from all of the successful events that you have all kindly supported, as follows:

Cooking Equipment - £345 Cooker - £400 Rug - £200 Stithians Show Trip yr3/4 - £300 Gardening Club Camera - £60 Tomperrow - £40 Gardening Club - £14 Gardening Club Flasks - £23 Gardening Club Greenhouse - £35 Bus for the Music Festival - £130 School Trip Ice Skating at Eden - £840 Library - £300 Swifts Trip - £138 Mud Kitchen - £30 Freeze Pops for Sports Day - £20 Beach Trip ice creams - £28 Beach Trip ice creams - £46 Sewing Equipment - £288 Music Equipment - £800 Out of the Ark - £327 Outdoor Learning - £87 Fab Friday T-Shirts for whole school - £462

That is an amazing £5000 that we hope you all agree has been well spent, benefiting all of the children at our school. Also we are pleased to say that the school are in the final stages of confirming quotes for the 10 school IPADs, cases and server equipment needed to maintain them – watch this space for the IPAD launch date!!

## **Future Events for your Diaries!**

**Quiz Night, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm onwards, School Hall** – Back by popular demand another quiz night and due to the popularity last time, we have decided to stick to the same format of; a warming chilli-con-carne (meat and vegetarian option), a large jacket potato and quiz at a cost of £7.50 per person, BYO liquid refreshments and nibbles, teams of maximum of 6, arranged on the night, prizes for winning team, raffle available. Ticket payment on the night, however look out for a slip of paper in book bags asking for yes/no attending/how many in team/meat or vege option, as very important info needed for catering purposes. Thank you!

Film Night/Wreath Making, 15<sup>th</sup> December, from 6pm - Again, due to great success last Christmas, there will be festive films shown in the classrooms for the children; wear a onesie, bring your pillow and slippers, £3 per child, to include film, fruit/vegetable snack platters and a drink. Why not stay whilst your children are watching films, get creative and join in the fun of making a Christmas wreath for your home in the school hall. £10 per wreath, all items needed i.e. willow, foliage, ribbons, glitter etc. provided, wreath can be a big or small as like, mulled wine and mince pies provided and background music again from Susie's (Mrs Christmas) Michael Buble and Christmas hits collection!! A very festive end to the term and great fun.

We are planning a **Christmas Fayre**, date to follow, however we just wanted to give you enough notice and ask parents or any of your friends/family that would like to have their own stall at the fayre, to let one of the FOPS team know. There is a small contribution to FOPS of £10 per table. There is always a great selection of items for sale, making ideal Christmas presents.

There will also be a cake stall selling festive items, so if you are shortly planning to bake your Christmas cake, we would be grateful if you could make a spare one that we can sell at the fayre. Thank you!

We hope that you find our updates useful and thank you again for your continued support, if you have any questions please speak to one of the team. Have a lovely weekend. Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary