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Dear Parents,

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The Briars Residential Trip

Our Year 6 children had an amazing time at The Briars Centre last week. They engaged in a variety of activities from climbing walls to archery to The Cube! The trip also presented opportunities for reflection and time to renew their faith and relationship with God. As always our children were praised for their exceptional behaviour and manners and we were very proud of their conduct.

Open morning and Macmillan Coffee morning

We will be holding our annual Open Morning on

Friday 29th September from 9.15am. This is a great opportunity to come and see our school in action and receive a guided tour from our children. If you know anyone who will be starting school next September please invite them along! We will be combining this with our Macmillan Coffee morning in the hall so please do come and support this worthy cause.

Harvest Festival

As well as our School Mass on Sunday 1st October at Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby, we invite all parents to join us to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival, in school, on Friday 6th October at 9.15am, which also happens to be CAFOD Family fast day. We would ask for children to either bring in a donation for CAFOD, or a food donation for Ashby Food bank.

Phonics Meeting

There is a meeting for the parents of children who have just joined us in EYFS on Wednesday 27th September at 6.00pm. During the meeting Mrs Ramsell will discuss how we teach phonics and early reading skills, as well as giving out ideas of how you can help your children at home.

Internet Safety

Keeping our children safe on the internet continues to be a high priority, with new apps and technologies becoming available daily. There will be a meeting for parents at Ibstock Community College on Monday 6th November at 6.00pm, led by Leicestershire Police. I would highly encourage parents to attend to hear about current developments and how we can educate our children about these dangers.

Secondary School places

The closing date for applications for secondary school places, for the academic year 2018 – 2019, is 31st October 2017. The easiest way to apply is online;

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Individual Photographs

All children will be having individual photographs taken on Tuesday 26th September, in school.

PE and Safety

Can you please ensure earrings are removed before school when your child has PE and, again, a reminder that PE kits need to be in school every day. All children should have a pair of black plimsoles in school for PE with trainers for outdoor use only.

Attendance

Well done to Class 3 who had 100% attendance last week. Whilst I appreciate children can be ill, there has been a high number of absences since the start of the term. May I ask that you make every effort to get your child into school wherever possible.

Best Wishes!

Today Mrs Satchwell leaves to begin her maternity leave; we send lots of best wishes to her and her family as they prepare to welcome their new bundle of joy! We will be welcoming Mrs Drummond and Mrs Hughes who will now be teaching in Class 4 from next week.

Reflection:

I had a great discussion with children, this week, about what we are proud of, and what our dreams are for the future. I had a wonderfully varied response which included...

- "To become a famous footballer"
- "To be on the X-factor"
- "To be on the stage"
- "To be a scientist"
- "To go on an aeroplane"
- "To get all of my spellings right"
- "To always love and look after my family"
- "To be taller!"

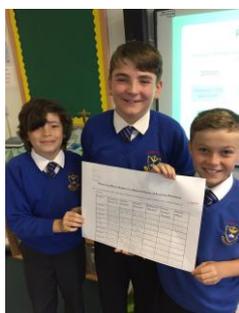
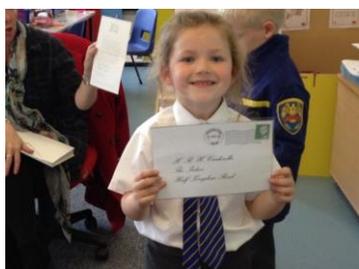
I hope that, whatever our children's aspirations, they always aim high knowing that Jesus is walking beside them and guiding them in the right direction.

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

~ Psalm 20:4

Statement to Live by: I can laugh and have fun

I hope that everyone has laughed and had fun this week... I have certainly seen a wide variety of smiling faces around the school!



May the Lord Bless you this weekend,

Mrs Elmore