



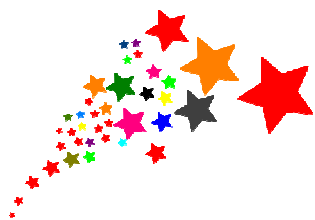
23 November 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been another busy week at school. The children have started to prepare for their Christmas performances and have been posting letters to Father Christmas. In our phase assemblies on Monday and Tuesday, we talked about our new golden rule; "We are honest." We talked about how important it is to tell the truth because it always makes us feel better and enjoyed a story about a little rabbit who learned the importance of being honest.

Golden Rule of the week!

The golden rule for next week will be:



"We work hard"

Please talk with your child at home about this rule/value. What does it mean to try our best? Why is it important to work hard and not give up when something appears difficult at first?

Talk to your child about the importance of making mistakes in helping us to learn and grow (developing resilience). This approach is called 'Growth Mindset' by professor Carol Dweck.

There's lots of excellent stories available to teach children about growth mind-set. A simple story to share with your child about working hard and not giving up is, *Giraffe's Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae.

Arriving on time to school

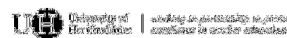
Please remember that doors open at 8:50am each morning and all children are registered at 9:00am. The children begin learning from 8:50am when they arrive and enjoy a fun maths fluency session from 8:50 delivered by their teachers. This maths fluency session revises key concepts, pre-teaches key learning for the day and consolidates learning that has come before. The sessions are structured in an active, engaging way and children thoroughly enjoy them. **Please ensure that your child doesn't miss out on valuable learning by ensuring they come to school on time.**

Warm PE clothes

The weather has turned a little cold this week but it's still nice to do games lessons out-side. Please send to school a pair of jogging bottoms, warm jumper, socks and trainers for your child to keep in their PE bag. Plain, dark clothing is most suitable. Please label all items of clothing.

Assembly 7th December

There will be no Friday morning assembly on 7th December, this is to allow the children time in the hall to practice for their Christmas performance.





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Data collection

Thank you to those who have returned their GDPR permissions slip. Please remember to do so if you haven't already.

Tickets for Christmas performances

Christmas performances will be ticketed again this year. Each child will receive two tickets and further information will follow early next week.

PTA Notices

PTA Santa Letter 2018 - Reminder

Post to the North Pole is sometimes slow, so please return letters to Father Christmas with £2 to the Christmas letterboxes by Friday 30th November to ensure a reply. Reply letters will be distributed by Wednesday 19th December. Any questions, please e-mail the PTA at ssaspta@gmail.com.

The Ball by the Lake - Update

Tables are going fast. A reminder of the dates: February 2nd, 2019 (priority for Junior parents) and March 30th, 2019 (priority for Infant parents). Form a table with people you would like to sit with (maximum 10 people), and nominate someone to be table leader. The table leader can then e-mail the PTA with the chosen ball date and the names of everyone on the table. Note: It is not first come first served, and payment is not at this stage. By the end of term, the PTA will confirm to table leaders that a table has been reserved, and arrange payment. Tickets cost £60 per person.

Kind regards,

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