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Reading Challenge

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT
ANIMAL AGENTS
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

This morning we had a visitor to school from Heald Green Library to talk to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge. The aim of the challenge is to motivate children to continue reading through the summer holidays. Every year a theme is chosen and this year's focus is 'Animal Agents'.

To take part, children need to go to the library and sign up for the challenge. They will be given a special folder which contains all the information they need as well as extra goodies such as door hangers, book marks, posters and stickers. The idea of the challenge is that children are encouraged to read at least six library books - these can include fiction, fact books, joke books and even audio books. There is a certificate for all those who complete the challenge which will be presented in assembly and there is the opportunity to win the local schools' cup if we have the greatest number of participants.

Watch this very short video clip to learn more and look out for the leaflet coming home today.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C99JxaUBcMU>

Celebrating Eid Together

Many thanks to all those linked to Cheadle Mosque for bringing cake in for all children and staff on Wednesday last week. There certainly was a lot of cake to cut up and our thanks go out to all who helped to make this happen. I know our children love to share their celebrations together and this certainly makes for a special occasion. You can see just one of the specially iced cakes with our Head Boy and Head Girl below.



Leave of Absence Request Forms

We would like to remind parents that any requests for absences need to be made using the appropriate form; this can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the website. This should be done at least 4 weeks in advance. Every request is considered individually and a written response will be made. Please remember that family holidays are NOT authorised.



First Aid Training and Skipping Workshops

After the tremendous fund raising effort for the defibrillator (which we now have in school), we have been able to provide skipping workshops for all children from Nursery to year 6 and First Aid training for the Year 5 and 6 pupils. Both of these have been thoroughly enjoyed and have supported our drive to widen curriculum opportunities for the children. We will be looking to get 12 members of staff trained to use the defibrillator in September. Many thanks for your sponsorship once again.



Skipping demonstration assembly



Y5 & 6 First Aid Training

Class Photos

The class photo for all children, apart from year 6, has been sent home this week. If you would like to purchase the photo, the form and payment must be returned to school by Tuesday 11th (next week).

We have now arranged a partnership with local photographer, KellieJo, who has a wonderful way with the children and takes beautiful photographs. She will be taking the individual photos next term.

This term she has taken a new style of class photo with Year 6 and this should be coming home shortly. For the first time this year, we are offering individual leavers photos for parents to buy if they choose. These have also been taken by KellieJo and we hope will be a lovely final portrait from primary school.

We are approaching the end of the academic year with remarkable speed! Please find below a few key dates to note for your diaries:

Friday 14th July: children meet new teachers and end of year reports sent home.

Tuesday 18th July: 6-8pm Y6 Leavers Party

Wednesday 19th July: 5-7pm Open Evening

(choir will be performing at 6.30pm)

Tuesday 25th July: Leavers Assembly 10am

(Year 6 Parents ONLY)

Thursday 27th July: School closes at **2PM**

Hope to see many of you later at the Summer Fair, starting at 5pm.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

