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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

SCHOOL NEWS:

Maths at home

Whilst looking for some ideas for parents to support Maths learning at home, I found the attached "Maths at Home" document produced by Cambridgeshire City Council: it is a comprehensive overview of how parents can introduce and play with numbers at home in a variety of ways all the way through Primary School. The approaches include online, using indoor resources, through play and - best of all - outside. Please have a read through and see if you can use the "cut out and keep" resources at the end in as many creative ways as you can. Please do have fun with Maths with your children and let me know how you get on!

Cross Country at The Trafalgar School

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Cross Country event at The Trafalgar School on Wednesday with excellent team and individual results. NO came 1st place and MP 3rd place in the Year 5/6 Individual Race and RJ came 2nd in the Year 3/4 Individual Race. Overall our Year 3/4 runners came 1st and our Year 5/6 runners came in 2nd place! A big well done and congratulations to SB, RJ, FK-J, SK-J, JL, HM, HM, DM, LM, SM, NO, SP, MP, ES, HS and OT. Thank you to the parents who supported our teams.



New and exciting lunch time club!

A reminder that if you are a budding writer, fizzing with creativity, we have a new club for you! MHughes, (English Prefect), and EH, (Head Boy), who are both talented writers, have offered to run a Writing Club on Thursday lunchtimes from 12:00-12:30 pm. All you need is a pencil or a pen and your brain - and enough energy to walk all the way down the corridor to the Year 6 classroom. Maya would love the club members to enter lots of writing competitions, via the excellent website: www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children However, if you'd prefer just to write for pleasure, or create an extended piece of writing with chapters, that's brilliant too. Mrs Gill will be in the room, but she promises that M and E are in charge! There are twelve places available to Key Stage 2 children, please let Mrs Agland know if you are interested.

Autism Strategies Workshop

Exeter House School are leading an Autism Strategies Workshop in the Training Room, Somerset Road, Salisbury SP1 3BL for parents and carers of children with significant SEND and/or Autism on Wednesday 15th May 11:00 am-1:00 pm. The aims of the workshop are to explore the following:

- What is Autism Spectrum?
- How does Autism impact on learning?
- What is structured teaching?

- How can structured teaching enable students with Autism to learn more successfully?
- How can these strategies be integrated at home?

The session is free and tea and coffee are provided. For more details contact George Cooper on 07825 397352 or email ehbookings@sret.uk to book a place.

SEN Support Group Coffee Mornings

Exeter House School, St Mark's Junior School and Wyndham Park Infants School are running coffee mornings where parents and carers can come along to chat with each other, to share information, for support and to get help and advice with SEN issues. The coffee mornings are held in Hub 3 at St Mark's Junior School, Somerset Road, Salisbury SP1 3BL from 9:00-10:30 am, refreshments are available. The dates are, Fridays:

24th May, 28th June, 19th July, 27th September, 18th October, 29th November, 20th December, 31st January 2020, 28th February, 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June and 17th July.

FAWGS NEWS:



Don't forget the Quiz Night on Saturday 11th May at 7:30 pm. Book your team or if individually interested please speak to one of us as I'm sure a team can be put together. Please contact Rebecca Thorpe, Rachel Hodges, Mel Sturgess-Bullock or the school office. Tickets are priced at £7.50 per person which includes a cheese board and the Bar will be available to buy drinks.

Scavenger Hunt - Sunday 9th June (donations of cakes for the cafe for treats after the walk will be much appreciated nearer the time).

Summer Fete - Saturday 6th July. We urgently need raffle prizes. Can you spare any unwanted gifts, can your business offer a prize (either service, voucher, discount etc)? If so, please grab one of the FAWGS team in the playground or pass your details to the school office.

Please support the school, so we can continue to provide some extra funds for the fun things.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

May

Saturday 11 th	FAWGS Quiz Night
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th	Year 6 SATs Week
Saturday 18 th	Mini-marathon for KS2 only
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st	May half term holiday

June

Sunday 9 th	FAWGS Scavenger Hunt
Friday 14 th	3 rd Orienteering event at Vernditch Year 5 - letter to follow
Monday 24 th	TD Day

July

Saturday 6 th	FAWGS Summer Fete
Friday 12 th	Sports Day
Friday 19 th	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 25 th	Years 4-6 Performance at the Studio Theatre – more details to follow pm Year 6 Leavers' Worship LAST DAY OF TERM

Best wishes
Mr Thorpe
Headteacher