

Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Families

Thank you so much for the donations that have already come in for our Lent collection for homeless people in Reading. In addition to the start of Lent, there was a buzz of activity with World Book Day on Thursday. It was fantastic to see the children (and staff) dressed up. Thank you to our English Subject Leader, Miss Clarke, for organising it. Our Library Hub is also fast taking shape in the old ICT area. Sena Hughes also played beautifully on the piano for our Celebration Assembly today. I am really looking forward to the Indian dance workshop the Year Four classes will be taking part in next week. We also have the excitement of Red Nose Day and the PTA disco on Friday 15th!

Dates updated – attachment

Please note some of the dates for the Summer may change, please check the weekly newsletter as usual for any updates.

Year 6, Hayling Island

Please note, all the money for the Hayling Island residential is due by the end of March. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any payment queries.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. Children can wear something red and / or style their hair in exchange for a donation for Comic Relief. Red noses will be sold by Year 6 from Monday 11th March for the cost of £1.25. If your child wants to buy a red nose at school, please make sure that they have the correct change. After the event, if you do not want to keep your red noses, you can take them to any Sainsbury's store for recycling. Thank you for your support.

Mobile Phones in School

If your child needs to bring their phone to school (if they are walking home on their own or going home with another child etc) please give your consent by email. All phones need to be switched off whilst in school, handed in at the office for safe keeping and collected at the end of the day.

Football Update

Last Friday, the boys' A team went to South Lake Primary School in order to play their remaining two Spring League matches. The first match against South Lake ended in an impressive 5-0 victory, which included a Rhys Bain hatrick. With only a short rest, the boys then had to face Keep Hatch. Another dominant performance saw Polehampton ease to a 6-0 win, this time with Kian Larkins bagging himself three goals. Louis Rousett continued his goal-scoring from with three goals over the two matches. All the boys played brilliantly as a team, and I was really pleased with their maturity in how they handled substitutions and the changing of positions. Opposition coaches commented on how respectful Polehampton were and their level of sportsmanship. Well done to the boys!

On Tuesday, the girls' A team faced their first Spring League opposition - St Paul's Junior School. After a strong start, it didn't take long for Polehampton to take the lead, with a joint Rose Daser/Erin Dean kick, sending the ball into the net. An incredible equalising goal by St Paul's, saw the girls enter half-time at 1-1. Despite further dominance and plenty of shots in the second half, the girls had to settle for a draw, with the St Paul's keeper making several outstanding saves. It was an excellent performance by the team and I received an email the next day from the opposition coach, to comment on how well we played. Super stuff, girls!

Thank you to all the parents who supported us home and away - it really helps spur the teams on. A special thank you goes to Mr McGregor, who has had a busy week refereeing, driving the mini-bus and also painting on the pitch markings. These matches couldn't happen without your dedication, Mr McGregor! Next, the girls' A team will play St Dominics (date TBC), whilst the boys' A team should progress into an overall League 2 final. Have a pleasant weekend, from Mr McGlone.

Sports Kit

Please remember to return any sports kit that your child borrows when they represent the school, as soon as possible. This gives Mrs Apps time in which to prepare the kits for the next fixtures. Thank you.

Lent – Charitable Initiative

Thank you for donations received already!

Just a reminder - we have launched a charitable initiative to help the homeless in Reading. This initiative, which was the idea of two of our Year Five girls, also fits in with the period of Lent. We are requesting donations of the following items please:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Baby wipes - for homeless people living on the streets to use to clean themselves.
- Mints
- Cereal bars
- Bottles of water
- New socks for adults
- New underwear for adults

We will be collecting the donations up until Friday 29th March. All donations will be taken to the New Beginnings charity, based in Reading. We are working closely with Ele Buckley, Children and Families

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Worker from St Mary's Church, who has given us much guidance with this initiative. You can find out more about New Beginnings from the following link:

<http://newbeginningsreading.org/>

Thank you in advance for your support.

Wokingham SEND Inspection Next Week

Next week, there is an inspection of Wokingham local area's effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of, and improving outcomes for, children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) - Monday 11 March 2019 to Friday 15 March 2019. Our school will not be visited as part of this process. However, there are many ways that parents can contribute their views. Please do read the attached letter for more information.

Polehampton Breakfast Club Vacancy – from Polehampton ASC

Are you a morning person or maybe you would like to get paid while your child has breakfast with us? We are looking for committed and enthusiastic individuals to join our breakfast club team.

Hours 7.50 am – 8.50 am, Monday – Friday (or 2/3 days) term time only, helping with breakfast and walking infants to school.

For further information, job description and application form, please contact S. Benson email – polehamptonasc@googlemail.com Tel: 07933 077 331

Easter Egg Hunt

Goodall-Smith Wealth Management Ltd with Twyford Together invite you to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt around Twyford. Come and join us on Saturday 6th April between 2-4pm for a lovely family afternoon out. Beginning at Loddon Hall, King George's Field, Twyford the route roams around the village, highlighting some of the wonderful historic places of interest in Twyford thanks to the TRLHS (Twyford and Ruscombe Local History Society). Tickets are £4.50 per child and participants will receive an Easter egg and free entry into the Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural Association (TRHA) Spring Show, who also have a café selling refreshments. For more information and advance tickets please visit twyfordtogether.org

PTA Reminder

PTA disco is Friday 15th March, slips are coming home tonight, please see website for disco procedures (with newsletters).

PTA termly meeting Tuesday 12th March 8pm, please email PTA for details. pjspta@hotmail.co.uk

Wokingham Libraries newsletter - attachment

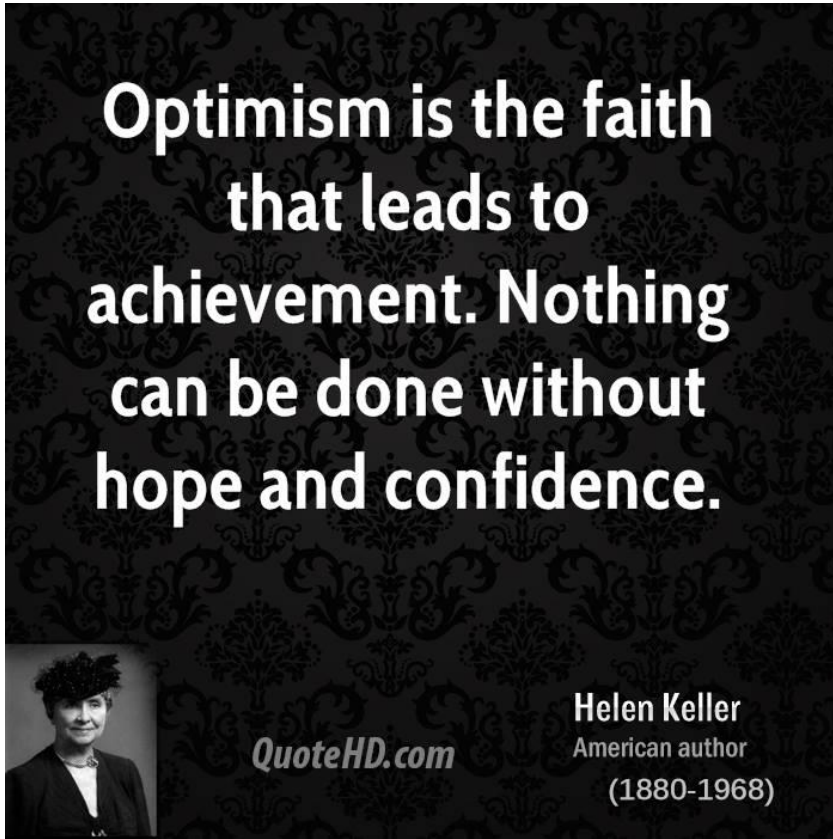
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