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“GROW, BLOSSOM, FLOURISH”

Adults and children were disappointed to learn yesterday that Anthony Wootten, the author we had booked to visit us today, was not able to be with us. Nonetheless, we have carried on with our plans and enjoyed sharing our favourite books, illustrations, vocabulary, authors and sentences with each other today – just without an author! This author visit was one of many initiatives that Mrs Storey has planned for us this year to raise the profile of reading in our school – details available soon! Alongside this, Mrs Gardiner has created a new Reading Nook in the corridor, which children are able to access at any point during the school day. We are very grateful to FONR for supporting us with this and providing funds to enable us to make this an attractive, practical and useable space.

With every blessing
Mrs Amber Andrews
Headteacher

PE KIT

Please can I remind you that every child needs a full PE kit with trainers in school every week. Children without a full kit are unable to access PE lessons. When children do not have a kit in school they delay the start of the lesson for their own class and disturb other classes by asking to borrow kits – over time significant amounts of learning time are lost. Information about what to wear for PE and when PE takes place in each class are available on the website.

APPLES CLASS

Reception parents will be aware that Mrs Down has not been in school this week. Unfortunately she is not able to be back with us next week either, so Mrs Philippa Bromley will be teaching Apples Class. Mrs Bromley knows our school well and is an experienced and long-serving Reception teacher and is looking forward to teaching our very youngest children in Mrs Down's absence.

TOTE-ALLY AWESOME BAG SALE & PRELOVED CLOTHES SALE – WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

This term in Busy Bees we are having an exciting time with our 'We are Artists' project. We have been learning about fast fashion and the positive and negative effects this has on the environment and the people living in it. We have also learnt about how we can help the environment through the 4R's - Reuse, Reduce, Recycle and Repair.

This has led on to learning different art techniques to use on fabric e.g. batik, printing and embroidery. Next half term, we are going to do our own bit to help the environment by designing and printing our own Reusable Fairtrade Tote Bag. We are going to (hopefully) sell these bags as part of our final flourish at our Tote-ally Awesome Bag sale'. More details and prices will be available nearer the time.

Also, on the same afternoon, we are going to have a pre-loved clothes sale where we are asking for you as parents to donate any children's clothes that are still in a good condition for us to sell to other parents. Any money we make on this afternoon from the Tote Bag sale or the Preloved Sale will be given to Fairtrade charity to help improve the working conditions of cotton farmers in the world. More information about this will be available on the day.

Therefore, please can I ask you for two favours:

- 1) Please can you save the date Wednesday 4th March from 2.30pm to 4pm. During this time, the children will be selling their Tote Bags and having a Pre-loved Clothes Sale for you to attend. More details to follow.
- 2) Please can you donate children's clothes (in good condition) to school by Tuesday 25th February for our Preloved Sale. The more we get, the more money we can make for Fairtrade. ! Any left over clothes we will take to a Charity Shop.

Thank you for all your support with this,
Kind regards

Karen Ellis
SENCo and Year 3 and 4 Classteacher

CORONAVIRUS – ADVICE FOR PARENTS FORM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

- . <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- . <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.