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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

A great 2 weeks in school for going round the world and back in time!

We all enjoyed seeing the F2 pupils in their brilliantly creative costumes ready for their 'Snow Ball' - some great dancing and prizes for the 'best dressed'. A huge thanks to the staff who made this event such a joy! Thanks also to Year 4 and 5 teachers who organised such excellent Roman and Greek days - children dressed up and were able to sample different foods and try activities from ancient times. Year 6 and 1 haven't missed out on travelling back in time: Year 6 had an 'Evacuation Day' making jam sandwiches and Year 1 went back to Victorian times and experienced the 'scary' teaching styles of times gone by. Incredible effort from staff who have brought the curriculum alive for pupils over the last two weeks - thanks to everyone for making it such a success.

Liz Latham

As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Times Table Rock Stars

The results are in!! Congratulations to Roger Hargreaves class who are the winning class on average per user, also to Roald Dahl class who are the winning class by scores - prizes also for individual attempts.

Well done to everyone who has taken part!



Children in need.

Thanks to everyone who

donated money to this very worthy cause – your generosity meant that we have raised an incredible £392 for Pudsey! Fantastic effort everyone who enjoyed wearing their PJ's last Friday!! Read more here.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Our next 'dress-up day' for charity will be on Friday 11th December when we will be inviting your child to wear their festive jumper to raise money for Save the Children. Read more here

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

Parking Problems

We have been contacted by some of our local resident neighbours who are very upset by some inconsiderate parking both before and after school. Please bear in mind that the leisure centre car park is available: if you must park in the side streets please show consideration for our neighbours. Thank you.

35 days to go!!

We have already begun to plan our celebrations in school – this year they will be slightly different. The EYFS and KS1 Nativity plays will be recorded online and there will not be a Christmas Fair. Christmas dinner will still go ahead but must be booked in advance through Parent Pay by next week. If you've not signed up for Parent Pay then please do so as soon as possible.



Winter Grant Scheme

Have you been negatively impacted by Covid-19?

Have you been furloughed, lost your job or had to take unpaid time off work to self-isolate for yourself or your children?

Are you Just About Managing to pay your bills?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, we may be able to help.

The Government has allocated a sum of money to the Leicester City Council to help support vulnerable families that were hardest hit by the pandemic that may not have qualified for the help already offered.

Funds could be available to qualifying families over the winter period (1st Dec – 31st Mar) for heating, lighting, water or rent arrears or to help with food costs.

Referrals need to be made to Leicester City Council via the Academy before Friday 27th November.

If you feel that you may be eligible, please contact the following members of staff in strict confidence in any of the following ways:

Miss Hargreaves – Inclusion/Family Support who works Wednesday – Friday via email khargreaves@queensmeadacademy.org

Ms Holmes – SENDCo who works Monday – Thursday via email cholmes@queensmeadacademy.org

Alternatively, you can contact them through the academy office on 0116 2858518