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Message from the Head Teacher:

Our children have been impressing visitors again this week. On Monday we welcomed some visiting teachers to the school who wished to learn more about supporting pupils who speak English as an Additional Language. As always, the visitors were both impressed with our children's focus and attitude as well as the quality of our training sessions. This term's topics are well underway now and it is great to see the evolving knowledge of our pupils in History, Geography and Design Technology.

Mr Mynott

Choral Programme

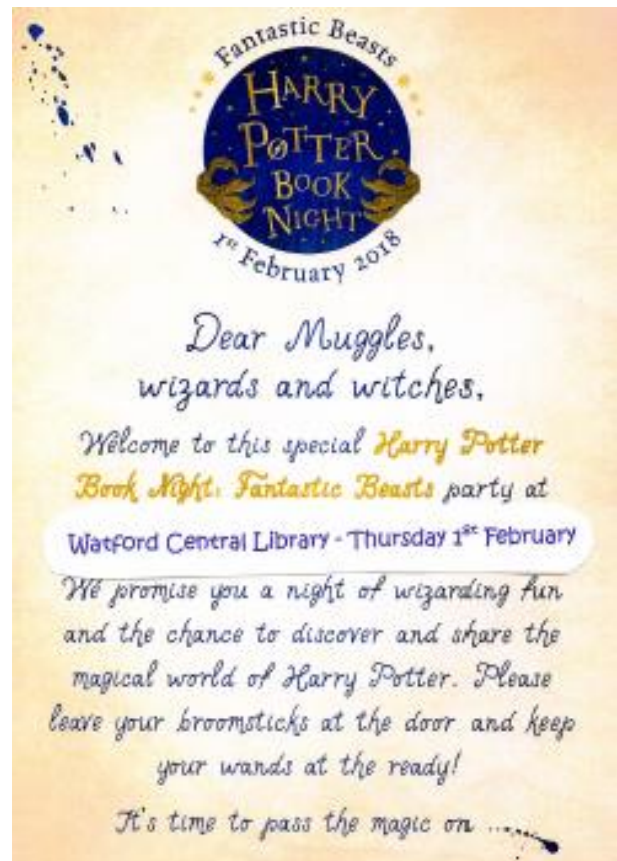
The choir was very lucky this week to work with the amazing Charles McDougall from the Voices Foundation. Charles will be working with children and staff over the next few months to develop the choir and the skills and knowledge of school staff. Many thanks to Corona Energy for supporting this project.



Help for families

Did you know that the school can provide support in addition to the education we give your children? We have spare school uniform and food bank vouchers to help families in need. We can also provide support in your home, advice and guidance. Please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Hooper, or Mr Mynott, if you or a family know you needs some help.

Hayward Services are looking for a cleaner to do 1.5 hours per day at Central Primary School. The shift time is 3.45-5.15pm (this can be later if needed). Hourly rate is £7.85. Please phone 07961 295526.



Bereavement Workshops (ages 5-16) Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th March

Starlight Centre Wellbeing Services are running informal peer-support sessions, offering bereaved children the opportunity to meet and express their feelings about loss through creative activity and play, in a safe and accepting environment. There will also be a parent/carer support group running alongside. To book, call 01923 330332 or go to www.peacehospicecare.org.uk/starlightcentre

Regular features

e-Safety

Do you know what your children are doing on their devices and phones? Children are often not aware of the risks of the apps and sites that they access. Use www.net-aware.org.uk to check age guidance and find advice about content. Here are some examples:

The screenshot shows the following information for each app:

- Musical.ly**: Content sharing, Minimum age 13+.
- ROBLOX**: Gaming | Content sharing | Messaging, Minimum age 8+.
- WhatsApp**: Messaging | Video chat | Photo / image sharing | Voice calls | Content sharing | Location sharing, Minimum age 13+.
- Snapchat**: Photo / image sharing | Video chat | Messaging | Location sharing | Content sharing, Minimum age 13+.
- Minecraft: Pocket Edition**: Gaming | Messaging, Minimum age 7+.

There will be a special Safer Internet Week meeting for parents on **Monday 5th February, 9am**, talking about how the behaviour of each individual online can make the internet a better place for all.

Attendance

YR Acorn & Y5 Willow classes are this week's winners of the attendance award. Well done!

Class	Attendance %
Acorns YR	97.3%
Conkers YR	97.0%
Maple Y1	93.9%
Mulberry Y1	91.3%
Pear Y2	95.6%
Pine Y2	92.9%
Ash Y3	93.0%

Apple Y3	97.0%
Beech Y4	98.7%
Beam Y4	95.2%
Willow Y5	99.4%
Oak Y6	95.7%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's 'stars':

Alexandru & Shannone (Y1 Maple)

Fatima & Szofi (Y1 Mulberry)

David & Sethila (Y2 Pear)

Joe & Arianah (Y2 Pine)

Lyndon & Masooma (Y3 Apple)

Aoife, Hira, Alex, Arwin & Rares (Y3 Ash)

Alan & LaToya (Y4 Beech)

Oliwia & Dawid (Y4 Beam)

Penelope, Angelina & Lilian (Y5 Willow)

Sarah & Adam (Y5 Walnut)

Josh, Leanne, Daryl & Jasmina (Y6 Oak)

Next week is Week 1 of the Winter/Spring menu. Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

Monday
Red: Sweet chilli chicken tortilla
Green: Vegetable stir fry (v)
Yellow: Tuna baguette

Tuesday
Red: Sausages and onion gravy
Green: Savoury quiche (v)
Yellow: Chicken roll

Wednesday
Red: Roast chicken
Green: Roast Quorn fillet (v)
Yellow: Cheese baguette

Thursday
Red: Beef bolognaise with pasta
Green: Cheese pinwheel (v)
Yellow: Ham roll

Friday
Red: Fish bites
Green: Pizza (v)
Yellow: Egg roll

Our preferred method for payment is School Gateway. If you are not sure how to use this, please speak to the office.

Dates & Reminders

Cold weather

Please can you ensure your child has a winter hat, gloves and a warm waterproof coat at school each day as they will be going outside and they should be suitably dressed for the wintry weather.

Twitter

Many of the class teachers are posting regular photographs of their classes on Twitter. Follow all the school's news @centralprimary

Birthday treats

It is lovely for our pupils to be able to share their birthdays with friends at school and we are very grateful for the gifts provided by many parents. However, please be mindful that we are a healthy school, and cannot give out chocolates, sweets or cake. If you would like your child to share birthday treats, some appropriate suggestions might include pencils, stickers, healthy snacks, etc. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Safeguarding

A reminder that parents should NOT walk through the school during school hours for any reason. All enquiries during school hours (8am-5pm) should be directed to staff in the playgrounds or to the school office.

School Gateway

We have set ourselves the target of another 200 parents joining the School Gateway! This would significantly reduce the cost of sending texts to families. To sign up, download the School Gateway app from the App Store – if your email and phone number match what we have recorded on our school systems then this should be very simple. Any problems, please speak to Mrs Oguz in the office.

Nursery admissions

We are now accepting applications for Nursery for September 2018. These should be made directly to the school, using the forms on the admissions section of the school website:

<http://central.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

Breakfast Club

It is now possible to book and pay for Breakfast Club in advance using the School Gateway. Breakfast Club is just **£2 per session** per child, which includes 45 minutes of childcare, breakfast and a sports club!

Spring Term 2018 dates

Good Work assembly every Thursday, 3-3.20pm

Fri 26 Jan	3pm	Y5 Walnut Class Assembly
Mon 29 Jan	2.30pm	Tea and Talk (SEN parents' event)
Tue 30 Jan	Pm/eve	Young Voices Concert @ O2 (Y6 & choir)
Fri 2 Feb	3pm	Y5 Willow Class Assembly
Mon 5 Feb	9am	Safer Internet Day talk for parents
5-9 Feb		Safer Internet Week activities in all classes
Tue 6 Feb	All Day	Rock Challenge (dance competition)
Fri 9 Feb	All Day	100 Days (RE themed day)
10-18 Feb		Spring Half Term – School Closed
Fri 23 Feb	3pm	YR Acorn Class Assembly
Tue 27 Feb	6pm	Creative Arts Showcase
Thu 1 Mar	All Day	World Book Day – Dress as a character
Fri 2 Mar	3pm	Y3 Ash Class Assembly
Fri 9 Mar	3pm	Y3 Apple Class Assembly
Wed 14 Mar	All Day	Group/ Class Photo Day
Fri 16 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beech Class Assembly
Fri 23 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beam Class Assembly
Mon 26 Mar	3.30-8pm	Parent Consultations
26-29 Mar	All Day	MFL – Carnival Week (Languages and Creative Arts themed week)
Thu 29 Mar	All Day	End of Spring Term – Early Close 1:30pm
Fri 30 Mar - Sun 15 Apr	All Day	Easter Holidays – School Closed
Mon 16 Apr	All Day	Summer Term Begins – All pupils to return