

This week...

...we are celebrating comic relief. Mrs Dallas led our assembly on Monday, where she showed children a video clip of a child living in Sierra Leone. His life had been improved by the work of Comic Relief and the donations that came through the charity: the money raised had enabled him to go back to school and have some hope for the future after he became an orphan due to the ebola virus. The children were moved by the film, and it helped them to realise the importance of Red Nose Day.

Reception News:

Mrs Walker asks that parents could empty book bags regularly please: we have a limited trolley space to fit them in to!

You might want to ask children to write the instructions for making jelly, which Reception looked at in the Science week. Activities like this help children to understand that writing is useful and can be used for different purposes.

Can we also remind you to include the learning linked to any photos you send through 2Simple? It's useful to know exactly what children have said and what conversations take place to explain their understanding.

Please also remember to send in the reply slips for Woburn Safari Park trip as soon as possible.

Attendance...

...for last week was 97.4%: well done again!

Nursery Update:

I am very pleased to tell you that we will be sending out information to interested parties next week about Nursery. Thank you to all of those of you who gave us your views, either by attending a meeting, chatting to me in the playground or at one of the toddler groups, or by returning a questionnaire.

Swimming: Years 3 and 4:

This week was the last swimming session. The children have made such good progress over the course of the term, and it has been great seeing their confidence improve. They will need to be in their PE kit for the next 2 Wednesdays and we will let you know about plans for PE days after Easter.

Wade Gym:

This was also the last week for Wade Gym until after Easter. We will be sending home information about clubs in the summer term soon. Our intention is to continue with most of those running at the moment.

Staffing News:

We are pleased to welcome to our team Mrs. Escrader, who will be working as a Teaching Assistant after Easter. She will be based mostly in Year 3, but will also be working with some children in years 1, 2 and 4. Mrs. Escrader will be joining us for a couple of sessions before the break to get to know the children. We look forward to welcoming her.

Basketball:

Miss Wallington is organising a coach to go to the basketball cup final in the O2 arena on Sunday 14th May. This is open to both Primary and Secondary students but Primary children must be accompanied by a responsible adult – for Primary, this is not a school trip as such and will not be supervised in the same way. However, it may be something that you and your children are interested in and you would like to do as a family. If so, the tickets are £30 per person which includes coach transport from school. Payment is available on Parent Pay.

PE Uniform:

Please note that our PE uniform is black jogging bottoms or black shorts as our weather improves, together with a white collared t-shirt with the Heyford Logo and a black HPFS sweatshirt. There are a few children who seem to be coming in with different coloured tops and the rumour seems to be going round amongst children that PE uniform is less important than school uniform. It isn't, and we want our children to look smart on days when they wear their PE kit, just as on those days where they are wearing uniform. Please don't let children convince you that other colours are ok!

Dates for your diary:

Thank you to those parents and carers who came to the drop in sessions on Tuesday, where FoHPFS made everyone very welcome and where there was a chance to speak to Ms Healey. There are two more drop-ins planned on Wednesday 17th May and Wednesday 21st June, both from 2-3pm and 6-7pm.

And finally...

Happy Mothers' Day to all the Mums reading this!

Have a great weekend, Mrs. Hughes