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Dear Parents,

New Sweatshirt Colour

Thank you all for popping in and voting for your favourite colour sweatshirt, we had a high number of parents voting. The children have really enjoyed the process and were delighted with the result on Friday. This is how the votes went: -

	Parents and staff	Children	Total votes
Keep same as now	1	0	1
None of the above	2	0	2
Bottle Green	11	8	19
Dark Purple	21	23	44
Dark Royal Blue	10	26	36
Jade Green	8	14	22

As you can see the parents and staff voted overwhelmingly for the Purple, the children's favourite was the Royal Blue by just 3 votes. When all the votes were put together the favourite colour was the Purple with Royal Blue coming a close second.

I will now ask the sweatshirt company to make us up samples in our chosen colour Purple and our second choice Royal Blue so you can see the colours made up. We need to be absolutely sure that we are all happy with the winning choice. I will also see if I can source purple check dresses for the summer, if you remember we discussed at our early meetings that we wanted one colour of summer dress, blue of course would look equally well with a dark purple sweatshirt. I will invite parents to a further meeting next half term to make sure we are all happy.

Friday – Non- Uniform Day for Haiti for £1

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday to raise money for Haiti. If your child would like to support this good cause they can come to school in their own clothes for £1. Children will be organising a few stalls so please send you child with a few pennies to spend. If you are able to make small cakes or biscuits please send them into school on the Thursday or Friday.

Sponsored Read

Your child was given a sponsor form with last Mondays Mail On Monday and I hope they have been going around family and friends collecting sponsors. This week the children need to jot down how much time they spend reading and put it on their forms, we will be reading in school too to add to their totals. Please bring in your collected sponsor money first week back after half term. The money raised will be spent on group reading and books for our class libraries. Thank you so much for helping us.

New Computer System

Over the half term holiday we will be having a new curriculum server installed plus a wireless network. Our present server is about 8 years old and designed to cater for 11 computers, we now have 23 computers and it is only just coping with the workload. The wireless system will get us ready for our next stage in developing our computer capability. Once work has been completed our next step will be to buy laptops that can be used at pupils desks. The school is spending just over £10,000 updating our system.

A visit from the RSPB

As you will be aware the school has been supporting the RSPB Big Bird watch over the past two weeks and we were thrilled to have representatives from the RSPB in school on Friday to talk to the children about looking after birds, the work of the RSPB and conservation. Mrs Evans spoke to Class 3 about the peat bog project at Lake Vyrnwy and the work the RSPB have been doing to maintain habitats. Our children were fascinated and Mrs Evans has invited Class 3 to visit her project at Lake Vyrnwy in June. A big thank you to Mrs Baggeley who has coordinated our bird work in school.

Golden Leaves

Class 1 – Amelia Roche for super work on 3D shapes and Ernie Brown for his work on letters and sounds.

Class 2 – Adam Nixon-Herron for being very helpful in class and Ellie Painter for working hard on speech marks.

Class 3 – Elisha Welch for working hard in mathematics. Frankie Lee/Ben Painter for super problem solving and Jessica Kirk for super maths work. Connor Oglesby for his topic work.

Cuddles was awarded to class 3 for keeping their cloakroom tidy.

The winning house was **Phoenix**.

PD Day Reminder

The staff will be joining other schools in the area to have their PD Day on Monday 22nd February therefore the school will be closed on that day.

Class News

Class 3 are really enjoying their current topic on China. The children are working in teams to research and put together a presentation on their aspect of China. Through this enterprising approach to learning children have to take a lead, organise others, contribute to a team project and present to the class in their chosen format. Some children are making PowerPoint presentations others are making posters and booklets, some are showing their learning through model making. Mrs Wynne will continue to take out groups to tell them about food in China and to make a Chinese meal this week. The theme of China is also the focus for our literacy and music. In mathematics the class will be moving on to shape and pattern.

Class 2 –this week we will begin writing our pirate stories (to be made into individual books after half term).

In maths we are working on adding and subtracting. We will also complete our wanted posters for our topic work. In science (y3/4) we will explore the process of filtering. Swimming is on Tuesday for the y3/4 and y2 will have dance. PE kits can go home for a wash on Tuesday as they will not be needed again until after half term. If anyone has any empty yogurt pots can you please bring them in for our art work.

Class 1 – we will finish our work on Fairy tales this week by writing a story. In numeracy we will be measuring length, weight and capacity. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 pm for our Fairytale afternoon. All welcome.

Karate

I am sorry the karate sessions didn't take place as planned; we had a last minute telephone call from the karate teachers saying that they were unable to make it but they will be coming again after half term. I will let you know when I have a date as I know many children were looking forward to the session and are keen to attend an after school club.

Cookery Club – please note that for this week Cookery club will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) instead of Thursday.

Have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on the 23rd February.

J M Hughes

NB There are nits about!! Please check your child's hair.