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Dear Parents

ISA Conference

Mrs Sylvester has been attending the annual ISA Heads conference for the past two days. We look forward to hearing about what was sure to have been a very informative and inspiring conference.

School Photographs

Digital photos, on CD, may be added to your order at a cost of £50.

Please return your photo order forms to your class teacher by the end of the half term, Friday 24th May 2019. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 20th - 24th May, inclusive – Walk to School Week

Wednesday 22nd May – Reception trip to the National History Museum

Thursday 23rd May – Class 6 and 7 trip to Belmont Farm

Monday 27th – 31st May, inclusive – HALF TERM

Curriculum News – Problem Solving

Problem solving is an important way of learning, because it motivates children to connect previous knowledge with new situations and to develop flexibility and creativity in the process. Therefore, it is important that children see themselves as successful problem solvers who relish a challenge and can persist when things get tricky.

Three things affect the level of difficulty in problem solving for children:

- familiar contexts
- meaningful purposes
- mathematical complexity

Experiences in a familiar context with a clear purpose, such as sharing fruit, will enable children to deal creatively with more mathematically demanding challenges in the future, such as fractions. Children also need to feel in control of the outcome, or they may only look for the correct answer. Rich and engaging problem-solving activities are those which children understand in familiar contexts and where the outcomes matter to them - even if imaginary. Children problem solve best when they have control of the process and involves mathematics with which they are confident. In this way, children are able to apply their knowledge and understandings and demonstrate mastery of a concept.

Walk to School Week 2019



This year Walk to School celebrates its 90th Anniversary!

In order to promote healthy living and the value of exercise for our children we would like to invite you to participate in 'Walk to School Week'. This 5-day national campaign encourages all parents and children around the UK to unite to make walking to school part of their daily routine. The benefits of walking, scootering or cycling to school include improved health, stamina and energy and reduces the risk of health problems. More people walking and cycling also means fewer cars on the road and therefore less pollution. We realise that this is not possible for many of you and fully understand if you feel unable to take part. However, we would perhaps like to encourage you, if you can, to park a little further away from school than usual and walk some of the way. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to walk with your child, especially now the weather is fine. It is a lovely time to enjoy a conversation too.



Caterpillars

The caterpillars have been eating and eating! The children have been very observant, watching them grow big and fat. They are now beginning to form their Chrysalis and curl up inside. We are looking forward to the next stage of this amazing life cycle.

Stop and Drop Volunteers for week of 20th May

Please do not park where the bollards are situated as this area is designated for stop and drop only.

Thank you for the volunteers that have helped this week. I would like to remind you that if you are unable to do your slot, we would ask for you to find someone to swap with.

Next week the rota is as follows:

20/05/2019	Alexander	Woolley
20/05/2019	Alexey	Fedoseyev
21/05/2019	Amara	Agrawal-Kulkarni
21/05/2019	Amelia & Daniel	Sprake
22/05/2019	Amyrah	Patodi
22/05/2019	Anika	Bhagat
23/05/2019	Anika & Shayan	Ruparelia
23/05/2019	Anya	Hargunani
24/05/2019	Ariadni	Loulaki
24/05/2019	Ariana	Allan

Class 3 News

This week we have enjoyed the lovely sunny weather. On the terrace area we enjoyed using our physical development skills to balance on one foot and catch a large ball. We also enjoyed our weekly Zumba session with Miss Belzer. We are getting very good at following the routine.

We have continued to learn about the butterfly life cycle. To help us with this we made up a butterfly dance and created pictures. We also explored how colours can be changed by painting our hands 2 different colours and rubbing them together before printing onto the paper to make a beautiful butterfly.

For our Mathematics learning this week we discussed length using the language long and short. The wiggly worms came to visit us, and we put them in order from shortest to longest.

We are becoming very confident knowing the letters in our name. To enhance this, we built names using our name cards and magnetic letters.



I wish everyone a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Miss Belzer

Our role play corner this week has been a 'flower shop' where we have loved making beautiful bouquets of flowers. This has developed our social and communication skills as we have learnt to share resources and play well with our friends.

