Dear Parents/Carers

'Justice is what love sounds like when it speaks in public' Michael Dyson

During Collective Worship this week children have been learning about our new school value of justice, and what it means to be 'fair'. Looking ahead to Lent, next week the children will be starting to think about a whole school fundraiser, so that we can do what we can – in a small way - to encourage a more fair and just world.

Children across the school have been enjoying weekly dance workshops as we look to build on our dance provision in school. The visiting dance tutors are supporting us in developing a new dance curriculum which will be an exciting development to our current curriculum offer.

Mrs Cumberbeach, our PSHE lead, has been working with a team of children in Year 5 to develop a team of 'Friendship Ambassadors.' The team will be outside at lunchtimes and breaktimes. Our 'Friendship Ambassadors' are there to play with children who might be feeling a bit down or lonely. This is a great new initiative, launched today, and I am sure that it will further develop our playtime provision.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wand Headteacher

DATES FOR 24TH—28TH JANUARY 2022	
Wednesday 26th January	Inter-house handball competition, year 5 & 6, 15:30 - 16:30
	Dance lessons: Acer, Palm, Beech, Cherry, Spruce, Willow. Please wear PE kit.
Thursday 27th January	Year 5 Space Workshop in school
	Due to this workshop, the dance workshops have moved to Friday. Children who are in year 3, 4, Beech and Cedar should wear school uniform. Rowan and year 6 wear PE kit.
Friday 28th January	Dance lessons: Year 3, Pine, Cedar and Rowan. Please wear PE kit to school.
	Rowan class assembly has been postponed due to staff illness.

School Uniform

Classrooms are colder than normal so we have had to relax our school uniform policy and allow children to wear coats in the classroom. I have noticed, however, that many children are coming into school wearing branded baseball caps. These should be kept at home. Woollen hats and gloves are acceptable.

Long hair must be tied back and children wearing earrings should make sure that they are covered with a plaster.

Contacting members of staff

We endeavour to respond to all email correspondence within 2 working days, and parents should always contact their child's class teacher in the first instance if they have a question about their child. Like all schools, we are currently coping with increased staff absence levels so there may be occasions when it takes teaching staff and senior staff a little longer to respond. Thank you for your patience.

Do you have any unwanted small toys at home that are now left alone after the arrival of new things for Christmas? The children would really appreciate vehicles of any description and small play figures for their lunchtime playtimes. If you have any that you are able to donate, please bring them to school on Tuesday 25th or Wednesday 26th of January and deposit them in the collection bag on the year 3 playground when the gates open at 8.30am or at 3.10pm pick up.







CEDAR CLASS ASSEMBLY

Cedar loved welcoming our grown-ups in for our class assembly last week. Cedar have worked incredibly hard and were very proud to showcase their learning over the last half term with fractions, art work, charities and non-fiction writing in English. They were also serious about expecting questions from their grown-ups about this half term's learning.

Thank you to all the grown ups who came!

PLEASE BOOK LUNCHES
FOR 31ST JANUARY—4TH FEBRUARY
BY SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY

Year 4 visit to the Lightbox

Year 4 had a lovely time visiting the Lightbox Gallery last week to learn about Bridget Riley and her style of art, Op-Art. They will now be spending the rest of this half term creating their own pieces of work inspired by our visit. We all really enjoyed being able to visit a different site for a new learning experience.



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