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Dear Parents

Parent Lunches

Mrs Lawrie's children are looking forward to dining with a parent or relative next Friday (17th May). Lunch will start at 12pm prompt so we advise you arrive 5 or 10 minutes earlier than this. We hope to see you then.

Walk to School Week

A reminder that next week you are encouraged to walk to school as often as possible as part of the Staffordshire annual scheme. Help us to break last year's record on WOW day (Wednesday 15th May) by making an extra special effort. Children who managed to walk all or part of the way to school will receive badge. We hope you are able to show willing and support the cause.

Year 1 and 2 National Assessment Tests

Throughout this week and the next two weeks the year 2 children will be required to complete some reading, writing and maths tests which are better known as SATs tests. These are a national requirement which help to support the teacher assessment judgements which the class teachers make throughout the year in these areas. We try to do these tests in the classroom setting and in a very non threatening way so that the children are as relaxed as possible, as we believe this will enable the children to show their true potential.

In a very similar way, the year 1 children will work with a year 1 teacher during the middle of June to complete the National Phonics Screening Check. This week the year 1s have carried out a mock test in order to put the children's minds at ease with regards to the process and format to expect.

Year 2 teacher assessment judgements and the year 1 phonics screening results will both be provided to parents along with the annual report next half term.

Workers of the Week



Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week are:

2K - Fern Lloyd for fantastic story writing

2M - Rebecca Davies for fantastic story writing

1W - Grace Martlew for super working out of the division facts

1S - Ashton Lawrence for trying really hard with his writing

RR - Leon Evans for fabulous reading

RL - Jessica Ashaa for beautiful number formation

Keep up the super work children!

TRISPTA

Tonight seems to have been the talk of the week this week with many children sounding very excited to be coming to the disco. Entry will be through the front entrance with doors opening at 5pm. We suggest that children bring a maximum of £2.50 in a named purse or wallet to spend during the evening. On collection, we will ask the parents to walk round onto the playground, the children will be gathered in the hall for 6.30pm and we will invite a class of parents in at a time to collect their child / children, exiting through the front door. Please be patient with us during this time. We are looking forward to a fun filled evening.

Please look out for information in book bags next week with regards to our sponsored cycle / scooter event which will take place in school on Friday 7th June. This will be held during the school day and will unfortunately not be open to parents to attend, as adults may just be a few too many obstacles for the children to negotiate around! We would be grateful of a few PTA helpers though if you are available.

The next cinema night is arranged for Friday 14th June. More information to follow soon.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

Co-Headteachers