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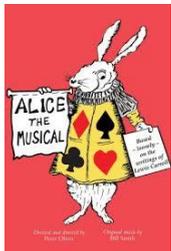
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Weald Music Festival, The Hawth Theatre

Congratulations to the Choir who performed absolutely brilliantly on Monday evening at The Hawth Theatre in Crawley. It was really lovely to see them performing on such a large stage alongside children from other local schools. The theatre was almost full and the St Mary's children stood out not only for their singing, but also for their exemplary behaviour. Many thanks to Mr Rogers for leading the choir to such amazing heights this year.



Summer Production – 'Alice, the Musical!'



Mr Partis and Mrs Berry have now announced that this year's Big Top production will be none other than 'Alice, the Musical!', the story of Alice in Wonderland. Year Six have already taken part in their auditions and the full cast will be announced very shortly. Last year's production was absolutely first class and we are looking forward to an equally professional show this year.

Parent-Governor Election

You may remember that we recently sent out notification of a Parent Governor election. I am delighted to let you all know that Mr David Shepherd, father of Rebecca in Year Three, will be continuing in that role.



HM the Queen – 90th Birthday Celebration



On 10th June we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday. Class teachers will be sending out lists nearer the time to ask for help with providing party food. Children are invited to come to school on that day wearing red, white and blue clothing. Also a big thank you to the organisers of Pulborough Harvest Fair for donating china mugs commemorating the Queen's 90th birthday to be presented to every child at the school at a special assembly on Friday 27 May.

Special Lunch



On Friday 17th June our hot school meals provider, Chartwells, will be providing children with a Picnic-style Fish & Chip lunch. Children will still come to the hall to collect their hot meal but instead of having the usual plate they will be given a picnic box which they can then take outside to eat. If your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two there is no need to pre-order. However, if your child is in Key Stage Two and would like to join in with this picnic lunch, please remember to order their meal **before** Sunday 5th June.

Vine Leaves

Congratulations to the following children who have received Vine Leaves recently:

Beth S for Thoughtfulness and Kindness

Connor F-S for Friendship and Generosity

Renee W for Thoughtfulness and Perseverance

Misty M for Kindness to others

Rhys D for Friendship and working together

Cian M for Friendship and working together



Drinks for school



May I ask parents to make sure that children don't bring juice to school, only water. Sipping sugary drinks is really bad for teeth and can affect the development of enamel. Also please make sure that your child's water bottle is clearly named – we get lots of unnamed ones in Lost Property and some of them look quite expensive.

Late Arrivals

Please remember that morning registration takes place at 8.45am. If you arrive late and suspect that your child may have missed registration, please make sure that you inform the Office of their arrival before you leave. There have been some instances where children go round the outside of school to their classes rather than past the Office when they are late and it is vital that we know whether or not they are in school.



Christian Aid



Thank you very much for your support of Christian Aid last week. Thanks to the children bringing in their loose change we raised the sum of £159.47. Each class made a picture from the coins before we added them to the collection, which was so heavy it was very difficult to lift!

Early Morning Club



From September we will be opening an Early Morning Club so that parents who work can drop their children off early. Parents who think they might want to use this facility should contact Mrs Brown as we would like to try and get some idea of numbers.

Free Food Friday

We are working in partnership with Tesco supermarket in their 'Free Food Friday' scheme. Every Friday they kindly donate fruit and bread products to the school which are then divided up and distributed to every classroom for the benefit of the children. Many thanks to Tesco!



New Books



Mrs Copus and Mrs Trowbridge have been busy re-organising the bookshelves in the Reception and Key Stage 1 areas ready to receive £4,000 of new books for the children to enjoy. We were aware that our current reading scheme books were coming to the end of their lives, many were missing pages and had been torn, so new copies have been purchased. We hope that the children will continue to enjoy reading the exploits of Biff, Chip and Kipper for many years to come!

Gate tokens

Please could you check your bags and pockets to see if you have any of our gate tokens hiding in them? They are disappearing at an alarming rate and they are not cheap to purchase. If you have got one, please just post it into the slot in the column by the gate next time you are in school. Thanks.



May I wish you all a happy and restful half term holiday.

School will open again on
Monday 6th June at 8.30am