The Summer Reading Challenge is fast approaching and starts on 1st July. The children seemed keen to participate when the librarian visited school for an assembly. This year’s theme is Animals. The children’s author Tom Palmer who has written many books, mostly linked to Football, will be visiting the library on Friday 28th July between 2.30 – 3.30pm. It promises to be a fun afternoon with a penalty shoot out and football quiz.

Our family picnic and sports day will now be on Friday 14th July. Foundation Stage and KS1 will be in the morning then KS2 in the afternoon. We will have the family picnic during lunchtime when all siblings will be able to have lunch with their families. We will NOT be serving hot meals on this day so please advise if you require a packed lunch from the school kitchen. If we don’t hear we will assume you will be providing your own. There are a few essential items the children will need to ensure we have a successful day:

- PE kit including a plain t shirt of their team colour (Ash – Red, Beech – Blue, Elm – Green and Oak – Yellow)
- named water bottle
- named sunhat and sun cream

We are pleased to say that the new system for children buying their snacks has been a great success. The children are taking responsibility for their money and are learning new skills counting money, especially in KS1. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you to all the parents who sent children in with water bottles, sun hats and cream during the heatwave. Even though the heatwave is over can we please stress the importance of sending children in with water bottles as the classrooms do get warm and it is important for the children to be hydrated throughout the day. Pikemere water bottles are available to buy on Parentmail

Whilst the nation was voting we also held our own elections for our new School Council and Sports Ambassadors. The children listened to speeches by the candidates and then used a ballot paper to record their votes before putting it into a ballot box. The results for the voting were as follows:

School Council
Chair: Jack Weetman
Vice Chair: Abigail Pickford
Secretary: Freya Burnham
Treasurer: Laurence Buckley

Sports Ambassadors
Jack Plummer
Emily Constable-Jesch
Dakota Biddle
Cameron Percy
There are many significant roles for the Year 6 children including tour guides, school council representatives, fundraising committee and so on. We are proud of the children for showing so much commitment to their school.

Assembly
Our Chair of Governors, Liz Martindale has recently been to Africa working for a charity. On her return she shared her experience with the children through assemblies for both KS1 and KS2. The children were very responsive and learnt about how their lives were different to those in poorer countries. Thank you to Liz for sharing this.

Poppy Lawton led a whole school assembly on Yoga and the benefits on health. She was confident and enjoyed sharing something she has a passion for. Well done Poppy!

Read with Dad
Thank you to all the dads, grandads, uncles and other family members who came to read with their children. We had a packed hall and spilled out onto the grounds of school! Good job it was a lovely afternoon. We are always overwhelmed by the number of adults who attend these sessions. We know the children thoroughly enjoy it too.

Photographs
All photographs have now gone out. Please return any orders to school by Wednesday 28th June. If you miss the courier collection from school, you can post the orders direct but there will then be postage charges.

Filming Consent
If you have not returned your filming consent form by Monday 26th June, your child will not be included.

Community Information

Allergy Support Group
Families with children at risk of severe allergy are welcome to attend a meeting of the East Cheshire Allergy Support Group held in the lecture theatre and Macclesfield District General Hospital (first floor). Places are free but limited. Please contact Paul at allergycheshire@aol.co.uk

Just So Festival – Rode Hall – 18/19/20th August
This is a weekend-long family festival of world-class literature, arts, theatre, dance, music, comedy and creative pursuits. More information can be found at www.justsofestival.org.uk

Dates for your diary
As you can see the next few weeks are very busy with events and activities. More details will follow if they have not already been shared. Please take note of all the dates. We will ensure all these are on the calendar that can be found on the school’s website. Unfortunately we will not be able to send a text reminder which is why we have listed them below. Please also check your emails regularly as correspondence is usually sent via email from Parentmail.
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