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*Give your best, expect success!*

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Dear Parents and carers,

There has been lots of unexpected excitement this week! Many of our staff have been hit by some of the nasties going around at the moment so lots of the children have been spending time with different adults than usual and of course the weather was all over the place!

To top it all off, yesterday the fire alarm went off! Because of phonics groups, the children were all over the school but despite this, all of the children were safely at their assembly point with their classes really quickly - in fact more quickly than our usual planned drills! The adults praised the children for their quick and sensible response and we were able to report back on the successful evacuation.

We have certainly needed to call on our resilience this week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

**Year 1 Polar Explorers:** Year 1 had an excellent start to their week with a Polar Places experience day on Monday. The children were set a home learning task to learn about an animal that lives in the polar regions and find out as much information as they could about it. They could present the information in any way that they liked. We had some very confident speakers who shared the information in class with pictures and key facts, as well as some amazing



'youtuber' style videos! The day was also spent by making and trying hot chocolate, exploring how ice melts, role playing as an arctic explorer as well as a very special visit from the late 'Robert Falcon Scott', children listened to his story and got to ask him questions.



**Studybugs:** We are hearing that some families are starting to receive "Congratulations" messages from Studybugs as their children reach a new threshold in their attendance. We are finding Studybugs to be a very useful platform and would encourage all of parents to download the app for an easy way to report absence and receive information. Find our more here:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

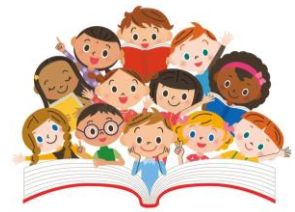
**Valentines "spoilsports":** Our last day of term falls on Valentine's Day and we are hearing some of the children talking about this. We would like to request that no Valentine cards or gifts are exchanged at school. We discourage this as, in the past, some children have found this upsetting or embarrassing - especially if it is unexpected. Thank you for your support in this.



**A generous donation:** We discovered a significant amount of cash by our book sale boxes in the entrance area. We have assumed it to be a donation to our book fund and would like to express our thanks to the person who left such a generous gift.

There are still plenty of books from our previous scheme available to choose from. If you would like to donate in exchange, there is a little pot beside the boxes. Thank you to all that have contributed - we will use the donations to update our library books.

Whilst we are speaking about books, please remember we have lovely **Book Exchange** located in the entrance. just by the Wrap Around care doors. There you will find shelves of donated books to browse. If you like the look of a book, please help yourselves. There is no charge, we just want to share our love of reading! If you have any good quality children's books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the counter.



**Celebration Assembly:** Our theme of Resilience seems to be really having an impact as a number of awards were again around determination and overcoming challenges. This included all of the staff being given Headteacher Award stickers by the Head Pupils in recognition of all of the extras people have offered in this tricky week! (Although Mrs Lucas nearly didn't get hers as in her excitement, she ran up to the front and had to be sent back to walk).

Creativity was also a feature this week as children complete art and design projects. Well done to all of our winners. Some Times Tables Rock Stars awards were shared and we also celebrated some Year 5 children achieving their Bronze Reading Challenge Awards.

**SumDog:** The classes had a SumDog challenge this week and were competing in their class teams against each other. The results were announced today:

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Year 3 Cheetah Class





2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Year 4 Leopard Class

1<sup>st</sup> place: Year 6 Tiger Class - Well done Tigers!



**Attendance:** Head Pupils led our Attendance section today. They were pleased to announce our whole school attendance remains at 95% despite the coughs, colds and bugs going around. Our top attending class this week were Meerkat Class with an impressive 97%

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
69	88	64	74

Well done to **Sapphire House!**

**Dates for your diary:** (Full details and booking etc to follow)

**7<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Numbers Day – Wear something with some numbers on!

**12<sup>th</sup> February** – Film Afternoon for Nursery and Reception Classes

**13<sup>th</sup> February** – Film Night for Y1-6

**14<sup>th</sup> February** – Term ends

**24<sup>th</sup> February** – Term 4 begins

