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Newsletter

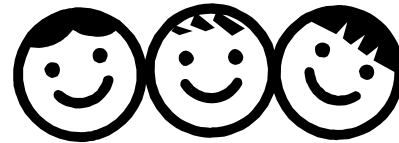
We're coming to the end of another busy week with the usual large variety of activities. There have been some lovely comments made by visitors to the school and by the hosts of trips and activities, about the behaviour and manners of the children. In addition to



the Bikeability mentioned below and the Y1 trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, Y5 went to Tatton for a day as a Victorian Servant. One of the staff there commented, "Oh, good I always love working with the children from your school." What a fantastic comment to pass on.

Bikeability

All of Y6 took part in this cycle and road safety course and afterwards the trainers commented on their excellent attitude and behaviour. It was lovely to hear how well they did with the course and the way that they represented the school. Well done Y6!



The new bike shed is now at the planning stage – I know that it seems to take such a long time to organise new building projects but we have not forgotten about it and there will be a secure bike shed in place before too long.

Snacks

We encourage the children to bring a healthy snack to eat during playtimes. A piece of fresh fruit is ideal with dried fruit as an alternative (Fruit is provided for the Infants under the National Fruit Scheme.) A plain cereal bar may be brought in instead but it should contain no chocolate. We would advise you to check the ingredients in these bars, as they are not always a healthy option. Recently a new snack has emerged onto the market called 'Fruit Strings'. Unfortunately the name is deceptive as it implies a healthy fruit snack; it is not, as the sugar content is 49%! These should therefore not be brought into school.



Car Park

The safety of the children is our foremost priority and at the moment we are concerned about parents/carers driving into the rear car park after school, sometimes at speed. There is also a problem with staff being blocked in by parents/carers collecting their children from School's Out. Please remember that Parents/Carers may use the car park before 8am and after 5pm only. You may pull up briefly in the drop off zone to take your child/children into the Breakfast Club but please do not park in the car park, it is needed for staff.

After school Parents/Carers collecting children from School's Out may park at the front of school only. This is for the safety of children leaving after-school activities and those playing outside in School's Out.

New Community Classroom

Preparation for site clearance begins next Tuesday and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused by the building work (hopefully minimal).

Inter-School Opportunities

- Y3 very successfully took part in the inter-school dance festival, winning the 'Most Entertaining Dance' award. They thoroughly enjoyed learning the dance and the experience of performing. Mr McCarthy and Miss Carter were really pleased with their performance and their behaviour.
- Y4 participated in a Soft Ball tournament in our sports group – Park Road, Navigation Road and Pictor School. The tournament was extremely well organised and run by Wellington School GCSE pupils. We were particularly pleased about the way that our children mixed with the other schools and they were a real credit to us, behaving beautifully, demonstrating great sportsmanship and playing well.
- The boys' school football teams played against St. Hugh's this week with the A team losing 2-1 and the B team drawing 1-1. They did their best and Mr. McCarthy was pleased with their team work.
- The girls' team won their match against the Bollin 6-1. Everyone played well and enjoyed their victory.



Choir Performance

The choir performance is underway and I must comment on how hard the children have worked. At the time it seemed like a good idea to perform scenes from different musicals and it has been fun but the children have had to learn a lot of songs without very much extra rehearsal time. They have done so well and some real stars have emerged. We're extremely proud of you all.

Altrincham Girls' Grammar School

Centenary Concert

On Tuesday evening I was a guest at this fantastic evening and was really thrilled to see how many of our girls have continued with their performing and reached a very high standard indeed. We were well represented in the outstanding string orchestra, full orchestra, choirs, jazz band, dance and drama groups and it was lovely to see so many of them again.

Y4 performer

Please note that Chloe Kirkland will be performing in Carousel at the Lowry Theatre on the 5th/7th and 8th of May.

Future Tennis Stars

We are delighted to hear of the continuing success of Laura Jackson, who has been selected from thousands all over the country to attend a special Wimbledon training camp. Even more amazing is the news that brother Matthew has also been selected. They will be training at the world famous All England tennis club with the Head Coach there. What a fantastic achievement!

Events to look out for

- PTA Comedy and Curry Night – May 8th
- PTA Car Boot Sale – May 15th
- Bowdon Business Fair – May 12th 6.30 – 9 at the Parish Centre

