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Tonight is the final Oaks' disco of the year. 6:30-8, Oaks' hall, £2 entry. We hope to see you there.

Zebras assembly

Well done to Zebras class for a fantastic assembly this morning. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and watch.

Winning attendance

This year we have been monitoring attendance very closely. Above 96% attendance is considered good attendance; above 97% outstanding. Four classes achieved outstanding attendance this year:

1st—Rhinos 98.4%

2nd— Pandas 97.8%

3rd— Hippos 97.4%

4th—Tigers 97.1%

Well done to these classes for achieving outstanding attendance this year. As a reward, Rhinos have won a non-school uniform day just for their class next FRIDAY 17th JULY. Individual certificates will be awarded in the last Excellence assembly.

Alfie the Attendance Alligator



Rhinos	95.3%
Hippos	98.0%
Tigers	98.3%
Lions	97.1%
Leopards	90.3%
Panthers	94.0%
Monkeys	98.0%
Crocodiles	94.0%
Pandas	100%
Zebras	99.2%
Bears	96.3%
Giraffes	89.5%
Elephants	92.3%
Penguins	98%

Year 3 and 4 artist visit

Last week, Year 3 and 4 welcomed local artist Graham Clarke for a question and answer session. The children have been studying his work as part of our local area topic. The children were thrilled to have the opportunity to meet him and had prepared numerous questions. Mr Clarke kindly answered all questions about his life, family, art work and plans for the future. The children used this information to write biographies which Mr Clarke would like to see as well as some of their artwork inspired by his. The children learnt many facts, such as, that he has no intention giving up being an artist and that he would love a pet crocodile! Rather him than me!



Meet the teacher

From 2:30 on Monday 20th July, you can collect your child from their current class, say goodbye to their current teacher and visit their new teacher. Teachers will all be in their current classrooms, except me—I will be in Hippos. Please sign your child out from their current classroom. You can take your child early once they are signed out. Children walking home alone must wait until 3:20. This will be repeated in September when you will be able to meet the teacher again in your child's new classroom.

Superstar corner

Congratulations to **Chloe from Pandas** for achieving her 200m swimming certificate on Saturday.

Well done to **Tom in Monkeys** who swam 1000m and his sister **Amelia in Pandas** who swam 200m this week in their swimming lessons.



This week's letters home
(or via parentmail):

All:
Year R:
Year 1
Year 2: Read, Write Inc
Year 3/4
Year 5: Personal Hygiene
Year 6: Personal Hygiene
Prom help
Performance Tickets

Dates for your diary: **New dates are in red**

Fri 10th July 6:30 End of Year disco Y3-6

Mon 13th July—Reports home

Weds 15th July AM Whole school transition session

Thur 16th (2pm) and Fri 17th (7pm) July—Year 6 Production

Fri 17th July—Best attendance non-uniform day—Winners—Rhinos

Mon 20th from 2:30—Meet the teacher

Weds 22nd July—Year 6 Prom (7-9) and Year 2 Party (5-6:30)

Fri 24th July 2:30—Year 6 Leavers' assembly

Fri 24th July—Last day of term

Mon 7th September—first day back

Sport News

Athletics competition

For the first time ever we competed in athletics competitions for children below Year 5. What a successful time we had! The Year 2 children spent the morning doing fun games similar to the games we did at Sports day. They bounced on space hoppers, threw footballs and ran like different animals.

The last event on Wednesday morning was a relay race involving every child. We are pleased and proud to report that the team from Zebras class won the race, against 17 other teams! What a fantastic achievement and we hope that the children will continue to build on their success as they move into Oaks.

Also on Wednesday, our first ever Year 3 and 4 teams stepped up for an athletics competition. For all of the children this was their first proper athletics competition against 8 other teams (10 in total). They competed in 60m, 120m and 500m races, long jump into a sand pit, tennis ball throwing and much more. Special mentions must go to Harvey in Leopards who ran the most exciting race of the whole afternoon, coming in first in his 500m run and Thomas in Crocodiles, who may have come last in his 500m race, but did it with the biggest smile and the loudest cheer from our squad.

We are extremely proud of all the children who took part and congratulate our third place winners. Thank you to Mrs Shaw and parents who accompanied them.

If you could stay any age forever, which age would you stay as? (Alfie, Panthers)

I received a lot of answers this week, including...

- I would like to be 1 because I can sleep a lot and I like my sleep! (Cate, Panthers)

-I would like to stay 11 so I can stay at Palace Wood and learn more. (Oliver, Pandas)

-I would like to be 24 so that I can get a job, drive and I will also know a lot because I will have finished school (Max, Tigers)

Thinking question.....

If cats barked and dogs meowed, would cats still be afraid of dogs?

All suggestions to Miss Ridout, 2tps an entry.

Reports

On Monday you will receive your child's end of year school report. Just a reminder that this is the last time we will be reporting with levels as recommended by the new curriculum. More information about how levels are being replaced will be given to you in the new term.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Ridout