

Dear Parents,

The following information may be of interest to you. Please note that you should have also received a paper copy of the Spring Term POTS newsletter.

## **2018 Annual Parents' Questionnaire:**

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to respond to our annual on-line questionnaire for parents and carers. We have had 77 responses in total which is almost as many as last year. At first glance the responses look overwhelmingly positive but we will sit down as a senior leadership team and really scrutinise your comments over the next week or two. We will report back your anonymised responses in the next newsletters.

## **2018 Annual Pupil Questionnaire:**

Now that our Parents' Questionnaire is closed we are in the process of launching our Pupil Questionnaire for 2018. This year we have decided to closely match the pupil questions with the Parents' Questionnaire and we plan to combine both sets of results to get a whole school view of school life. For example, question 5 is about safety on both questionnaires, question 10 is about homework on both questionnaires etc.

## **Safer Internet Day:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day and this year the theme is...

"Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. The celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. For Safer Internet Day 2017 **over 1,600 organisations got behind the day**, collectively reaching millions of children across the UK. We will be taking part this week so please ask your children what they have learned and how they can keep safe on the internet. It is vital that school and home work together to remind our children regularly about how to keep safe in this rapidly changing technological world.

## **Themed Week w/c 12.02.18:**

We are very excited about next week's themed week which will focus on Healthy Bodies & Healthy Minds. The week will be based on general health and fitness as well as emotional health and well-being. We are welcoming in many visitors so please keep an eye on your child's VLE class page to receive exciting updates! We will be going on our whole school educational visit to Chester Zoo next Thursday so please remember to return your reply slip and £3.50 to cover the cost of the transport as soon as possible. It is likely to be rather cold next Thursday so please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves to enable them to really enjoy themselves and keep toasty!

## **POTS Class Donations:**

We would like to thank POTS for their kind donation of £140 per class. The staff have been really delighted and enjoyed the luxury of having the freedom of choice to spend money on enhancing their class provision. We thought you would like to know what we have spent the money on. Please see as follows...

FS2 A Chinese New Year celebration at the Williamson Art Gallery

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Year 3 Wet playtime equipment and resources for a French morning for a Summer Term treat

Year 4 An Ancient Egyptian exhibition at the Liverpool Museum

Year 5 Seeds and compost to enhance the Year 5 science unit on Plants and wet playtime equipment

Year 6 Cinema visit to see Wonder

### **Diary Dates:**

09.05.18 - Class and Group Photographs

08.10.18 - Individual and Family Photographs

### **Celebration Corner:**

Amber (Year 3) - Well done to Amber who won a Gold medal in her SKK Judo Club in St Helens at the weekend and a Gold medal at the North West Judo Competition on 28.01.18. That's fantastic news Amber! ☺  
William (Year 3) - Congratulations to Will who came third in his Karate competition last weekend, you must be thrilled! ☺

Emily (Year 2) - Well done to Emily who performed with the Starlight Youth Theatre at the Floral Pavilion in their production of the Princess and the Frog - what a brave young lady to get up on the stage and sing and dance for an audience that size! ☺ Emily has been busy lately as she has also achieved her Stage Four in swimming. ☺

Isla (Year 3) - Well done Isla for achieving a Special Award for your horse riding at the Foxes Riding School. You are very brave to sit on such a massive horse!

Jack (Year 5) - Well done to Jack who was crowned 2018 British Champion in Jui-jitsu (under 30kg category). What an achievement, we are all thrilled for you! ☺

Liam (Year 3) - A huge congratulations to Liam who was awarded his 5m Swimming Badge and Certificate late last term! That's super news and such an important life skill too! ☺

Amelie (Year 3) - Well done to Amelie who won a bronze medal in the Birkenhead Gymnastics Academy Club Competition on Saturday 21.01.18 with her gym partner. What super news! ☺

Lottie (Year Two) - Well done to Lottie who performed at the Floral Pavilion in her drama group's production of Aladdin - what a talented young lady! We loved your costumes too! ☺

Isaac (Year 5) Well done to Isaac who ran 10 miles in January. What a fantastic achievement. ☺

### **Celebration Corner Request:**

We have many talented children at Thingwall and we would like to celebrate those children who represent local teams both on a local and national level. Mr Bettridge is planning on creating a celebration display board so, if your child takes part in a big sports competition (a football cup, a judo competition for example) or takes part in a creative dance, music or drama event (a dance competition in Blackpool or a pantomime for example) please pass us a photograph of them in their costume/kit and we will display them on our POOC board (Pupils Of Outstanding Character).

With Best Wishes  
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