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**'All Wrapped Up' sensory days.**

Teacher Kath Hampson, organised 2 days of sensory experiences this term called 'All Wrapped Up!' The children were able to explore and experience lights and toys in a darkened environment and then move into the main hall where there were boxes, shredded paper, helium balloons and a range of materials etc. and vibrating toys.

This experience was set to live music. Thank you Kath, and to Geoff for playing the music.



**Coffee morning.**

The next coffee meeting will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> march 10-11.15 am. You can always bring another family member with you.

**Ofsted**

Reports were sent out to all families after the inspection. I hope you were able to read through and note the many positive conclusions drawn from the visit. The report has now been uploaded onto the Ofsted website, but it is not identical to the one sent out initially. Ofsted decided to select a number from across the country in January and rewrite them. There are wording changes but the outcomes remain the same. This is just for your information. We have already set in motion a supportive review for Governance and the curriculum developments are underway.

**Bamboozle:**

Last week we also had a 2 day visit from Bamboozle Theatre Company again. The theme was World War 2 and we listened to sounds and music that created quite an atmosphere. This was presented at a very sensory level. They will be returning in June for the rest of our students to have a drama and interactive experience day.

Thank you Tracy for organising this event.



We have certainly had some exciting indoor opportunities brought to us this half term whilst the weather has been wet and windy.

### Pool.

Swimming at Ivy House Hydro-pool. We run a range of events in our pool including lifeguard training qualifications, family swims, swimming lessons and also splash parties.

For more information contact the team at:

[ivyhousepool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ivyhousepool@hotmail.co.uk).



### Information update.

Please make sure you give school any changes of telephone numbers etc, so we can amend our records for contact, and ensure that you are contactable in case of emergencies. Thank you. This will be especially important if the weather is bad over the next couple of months.



### Pupil updates.

We welcomed to school this term Bella into Emeralds and Connor into Rubies.

### Communication update.

Thank you to all those parents and families who have joined the communication workshops so far. Please keep looking for workshop opportunities that are available. Letters will be sent home with the pupils.

### Funds for Fun

The next fund raising event will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30 when we will be having a **Chocolate Bingo** evening and look forward to seeing you and the family!!!

Please mark this on your calendar and full details will be sent home soon with your son or daughter.



### Inset dates to note:

Our next inset training day is on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March when school is closed to pupils.** We have a range of activities that day and we will be further developing our curriculum. Other inset dates for this year when school is closed is **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014.** This will be for whole school behaviour training

### General information.

#### Return to school meetings:

If your son or daughter has surgery or a prolonged absence due to illness we will want to meet with you to do a return to school meeting, **before** they return, to ensure we have everything in place for them. Please contact us for this meeting as soon as you know they are returning to school. A class member, the school nurse and possibly physiotherapy support will be present. These meetings are invaluable to your child.

#### Holiday authorised by school.

The Department for Education state that holidays should not be granted except in exceptional circumstances and applications must be made in advance. Please write clearly the reasons for such requests on the school forms.

Thank you

#### Absence

Parents are required to ring school and leave a message or speak to a staff member on the first day of any **routine** absence for their child. Thank you for your co-operation. This also helps us to know if there are specific illnesses within school.



### Moving House - Important!

If you know you are moving on a specific day, **please contact the SEN department** directly and tell them your new address. The SEN department have to contact the Transport department, and once the Transport department has been notified it may take an additional 5 days.

The quicker SEN are notified, the quicker your new transport can be set up. Even if you are only moving close to your present home this process has to be followed.

We want the children in school as soon as possible, as we are sure you do too.

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Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.

