Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school.

**Chester Zoo**

Our Year 4 class had a fantastic day at Chester Zoon on Wednesday. They certainly made the most of their jam-packed day and managed to experience everything on offer and see plenty of animals, despite the cold temperatures. If you haven’t done so already, please take a look at our Facebook post – the photos are brilliant!

**Forest Schools**

Forest Schools will be starting again next week, on Wednesday 15th March. Every child in school will get to take part in sessions between now and the end of the academic year, as part of their Personal Development education. Through Forest Schools the children will work on socialisation, co-operation and positive play. The children will be in mixed age groups for each session, so please look out for an email invitation to inform you of when it is your child’s turn.

**OPAL**

The children have continued to enjoy our new style playtimes – they especially enjoy Miss Oldham’s (or rather *DJ Oldham’s*) Tuesday Disco! This week, our OPAL team have been busy planning the next phase of the project where more equipment will be introduced. In the next few weeks Mrs Harrison will meet with our Pupil Council to develop a children’s Play Charter – it’s all very exciting!

**Parents’ Evenings**

We have parents’ evenings coming up on Tuesday 21st March and Thursday 23rd March. Don’t forget to book a meeting slot. If you have any trouble booking an appointment, you are welcome to phone the office and either Mrs Dean or Mrs McDean will be happy to assist.

**Text Messages**

A quick reminder that we no longer use Teachers2Parents to send text messages from school.  We now use Arbor to do this.  To make sure you receive your messages you need to activate your Arbor account and install the Arbor App and ensure ‘push notifications’ are enabled for the Arbor app on your phone.  You were sent an email on 17th February with details of how to do this.

Please make sure you activate Arbor so we can continue to send you important messages and keep you informed of what is going on at school.

If you need help to do this, please contact the school office.

**Class Attendance Competition**

The children are really enjoying spinning the wheel of fortune in our achievement assembly. As you know we are aiming for classes to reach 97% and above each week. It’s been a great week for years 1 and 2 who both achieved 98% attendance, but congratulations go to Year 6 children who have won with 99.5%. They spun the wheel and won a sweet treat which they have all enjoyed this afternoon.

Class attendance for the week is as follows:

Reception – 92.1%

Year 1 – 98.8%

Year 2 – 98.1%

Year 3 – 96.5%

Year 4 – 94.6%

Year 5 – 90.4%

Year 6 – 99.5%

*Overall attendance for school this year is 94%.*

Next week we will be taking part in Neurodiversity Celebration week and Red Nose Day. Children may donate £1 towards Comic Relief to wear non-uniform and, of course, a red nose if they have one.

Have a great weekend everyone… stay warm, it’s going to be a cold one!

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy