Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of the half term and are half way through this academic year. We have exploited every opportunity for learning and our children are making some incredible progress.

I am particularly pleased with the range of subjects that children are making progress in. Our school is adorned with design and technology projects, pieces of carefully created artwork, science experiments, beautiful pieces of writing on display, images of drama and PE, etc. During each topic, we build up our learning environment with evidence of our learning and much of this is led by the children themselves. Our Historical timeline is building up and it is great to see how children are able to add their learning into a chronology; this is really helping children’s cognition.

We had a REAch2 school review on Thursday of this week. It was a very positive experience, acknowledging the school’s improvement over time. We had a focus on Maths and Science as these are two areas which we are currently working on developing. A number of children were asked to speak to the inspectors and they were brilliant advocates of the learning they do in school. We are pleased that the school’s continued development has been acknowledged by our Trust.

We have been celebrating a huge increase in the number of times that children have read at home this half term. We have been setting classes targets for home reading and the children have been working hard to achieve these. In particular, I must congratulate years 3 and 5 who achieved their target and were rewarded with some extra break-time today. Year 5 achieved the highest number of home reads above their target and also won themselves an ice-cream party! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have supported our mission to increase the amount of reading completed outside of school- it is so beneficial to children. The impact on a child’s creativity, vocabulary, spelling, use of grammar, and also it helps children to access the whole curriculum. We are determined to remove the barrier of reading from our children’s success; thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Remember: It’s a non-pupil day on Monday 24th February (children do not come in) and so we will welcome our little people back on Tuesday 25th February. Until then, enjoy them.

Wishing you a fabulous half-term.

Mrs Booth-Rylett

#DedicatedToLifelongLearning
Well done to Hawk class for having this week’s highest attendance.

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Whole School 95.1%
School Target 96.0%

Medical Appointments: Appointment cards/evidence is required in advance where possible, or after in cases of an emergency.

Sickness: Please call the school on 01255 674056 or email attendance@kirbyacademy.org by 9am on the first day. A letter explanation is required upon their return. Evidence of any medication prescribed can also be provided.

Unauthorised Leave in Term Time: A Leave of Absence form must be completed prior to the absence, including a letter detailing the exceptional circumstances. Fines of £120 per parent/carer may be issued where unauthorised leave has been taken during term time.

How to Report a Concern About a Child

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed or neglected, or is at risk of this, you should go to the Essex Effective Support website where you can make a referral to the C&FH.

Where a child is at immediate risk of significant harm, call the Children and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627 and ask for the ‘Priority Line’ or call the Police.

(Out of Hours: [Mon-Thurs 5:00pm-9am. Fri & Bank Holidays 4:30pm-9am) 0345 606 1212 or Email: Emergency.DutyTeamOutOfHours@essex.gov.uk)

Our School Day

Breakfast Club opens: 8:00am
Breakfast Club last entry: 8:20am
Gates open: 8:40am
Registration starts: 8:45am
Registration closes: 8:55am
Gates close: 9:00am

Afternoon Registration closes: 1:05pm

School finishes: 3:05pm
Gates close: 3:20pm

After School Clubs finish: 4:00pm

Sen Coffee Sessions

27th February - 1pm
12th March - 9am
26th March - 1pm

Class Assemblies

9am - 9:30am
Year 2 - 28th February
Year 1 - 6th March
EYFS - 13th March
DRESS UP IS OPTIONAL

A prize will be awarded to the best handmade and inventive costumes.

Please bring along your favourite book on the day.
Rapunzel runs to royalty

By Mrs Sophiah

14.2.20

The witch she bound the prince. We asked the prince what he thought and he said she was a nasty, rude, old witch. Rapunzel helped the prince get better and they got married. They lived happily ever after.

A pitch of Rapunzel

Oh Monday a princess escaped her tower. Her name was Rapunzel. A prince had heard her singing in the shadows of the forest. He found the tower and asked who was in it. The witch christened him and pushed him out the window.
Tuesday 2nd of May 1999

Rapunzel ran away from the dizzy, secret tower owned by the wicked, old, grey, ugly witch. The tower was hidden in the deep, dark wood. It is believed Rapunzel has been held in the tower for about twenty-five years. When she was a baby, she got stuck in a tower. One day, Prince Philip was as wonderful as a hero. He was raiding through the wood when he saw the tower. He asked the prince's mum and she said, "I tried to stop him but I couldn't resist!"

One night, Prince Philip crept out of the royal castle and tried to rescue the princess. When he got there, the wicked witch said, "Out! Out! Out!"

Rapunzel when the prince said, "Beauty, let down your pretty hair!" The witch let down the cut half. When he was on the hair, she let go of the ladder. "Wahhh!" Prince Philip smelled the witch while the prince was seeing. "Again!" as he went falling down the tower. Now Rapunzel is helping the prince get to his mum and dad. I rescued the bees. They are going to get married. This this is the end of my report.