



There has been a very calm and purposeful atmosphere throughout the school this week, as the children have all settled back to our daily routines following the Christmas break. We have been very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of all the pupils, starting the new year with a really positive mindset towards their learning.

We have updated our behaviour policy and shared this with the pupils over the last week with a re-emphasis on the school's Golden Rules. We continue to put our primary focus on all of the positive behaviour that we see around the school and offer appropriate rewards for those children who consistently behave and work well, showing kindness, honesty and offering to help at all times. We have introduced sanctions for pupils who do not follow the rules, which are the same across each class, details of which can be found in our new policy on the school website. While we know the majority of our children will continue to demonstrate the excellent behaviour that we always see of them, we appreciate your support should there be instances should they find it difficult to follow the Golden Rules.

Another area we are focusing on is school uniform, as we have noticed that there are many children - especially in Key Stage 2 - who are not wearing the expected items. We would like to remind you that the correct uniform should be:

- Purple sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or dresses
- White polo shirts, white shirts or blouses
- Purple and white striped or checked summer dresses
- Black school shoes

Children are allowed to wear stud earrings and watches (not smart ones) but no other jewellery. They are not allowed to wear any make-up in school.

For P.E. days, our pupils should wear a plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy blue shorts/joggers and a school jumper/cardigan. We would appreciate it if you can ensure that your children are coming to school in the correct uniform; please don't be surprised if your child's teacher comes to talk to you should they be wearing different items.

Finally, we hope you have received your child's class letter and knowledge organisers so that you are kept informed of what your children will be learning in class during Term 3. We are aware that while some of you are very appreciative of receiving all this information, for others it can seem a little overwhelming. We are working on a document to streamline all of the information we send out as a school to help make this all easier to access and comprehend, which we hope to get out to you in the next couple of weeks. We will also be adding the knowledge organisers and termly overviews to the website as usual.



Diary Dates

January

Wednesday 24th FOLS meeting 7.30pm in the school hall
Thursday 25th Governors meeting 6pm at Hemington School
Monday 29th IG Sports Swimming Gala - a selection of year 4 children will be chosen to represent our school at this Frome School event held at the Frome Leisure Centre
Wednesday 31st Coffee morning 9am in the school hall

February

Friday 9th Rags2Riches collection organised by FOLS

News from the Classrooms



Happy New Year! We've started this term learning about animals that live in the arctic, we've been painting ice and making penguins out of different shapes.



The daily Drawing Club (Greg Bottrill) has restarted in Kingfishers and we had a great time exploring and reimagining the story *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. We also explored painting with materials found in nature and learned to differentiate between living and non-living things.



We had a fantastic first art lesson in Starlings exploring colour mixing. We will use what we have learnt about primary and secondary colours for this term's learning.



Goldfinch class started the first of their dance lessons this week. They enjoyed learning a zumba routine and we had lots of fun working on different moves. The children focused on keeping in sync with one another whilst dancing away to the music!



Swallows have enjoyed exploring electricity safety this week in Science and tints and shades of colour in Art. We have also been planning out creative stories about magical objects ready to be written next week.



The FOLS committee needs you!

FOLS are looking for a new secretary as Natalie Watts is standing down as she is now a parent governor. Please contact Belinda Davis (parent of Mason), Natalie Watts (parent of Sophia and Sienna) or Jen Mullier (parent of Finn and Dylan) if you are interested. You are also welcome to talk to Sarah or Hannah (in the school office) about the role.