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**Airwaves 6th March 2020**

**No. 24**

Dear Parents and Carers

**In school this week…**

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents’ evening this week. What a wonderfully diverse community we are – it was so interesting to hear your opinions about the school curriculum and the attitudes and behaviours we hope our children to develop. Comments ranged from school should purely focus on reading, writing and maths to helping children develop a wide variety of skills such as communication and resilience. I will summarise the comments I received ready for next week’s airwaves.

If you were unable to attend, please contact the office to arrange a quick chat with your child’s teacher.

**Brass Funkeys Concert**

On Thursday Year 5 enjoyed a concert by the Brass Funkeys at SVC.

‘*They showed us different brass instruments and how to put together a piece of music starting with a low beat and then moved on to the melody – it was fast and happy music’* Samuel, Hawks

**Hot Chocolate**

This week it was the turn of Ted from Sheldrakes, Ethan from Lapwings, Adam from Puffins, Emmie from Blackbirds, Holly from Hawks and Alara from Skylarks to enjoy hot chocolate for consistent good behaviour and choices, Well done**!**

**Handwashing**

We have had some reports from parents that the extra handwashing is causing irritation. The extra handwashing is in line with the latest DfE guidelines so we have ordered some milder frequent use soap for each classroom as an alternative.

**Coming up ….**

**Year 6 Math Café**

We are holding another Maths Café for Year 6 on Wednesday 11th March at 9.15am. This time we will looking at calculating with fractions.

**Brewery Field**

Duxford School Choir have been asked to take part in the ‘opening’ of Brewery Field. More details for this will follow, but if you would like to join the school choir they meet on a Wednesday lunchtime in Lapwings classroom – all welcome!

**Sawston Fun Run**

We are delighted to let you know we have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the Sawston Fun Run this year.  Funds permitting, the organisers hope to contribute £500 towards improvements to the school garden.

The Fun Run is to be held on 3 May 2020.  Anyone entering and getting sponsorship can specify that they are raising half the amount for their chosen beneficiary and half for the general fun run pot.  We would encourage as many people as possible to do this and help raise money for the garden.  For those of you not familiar with it, the Fun Run is a great local event, with a children’s race and walking options.  Over the last thirty years it has raised over £450,000 for local causes.  See [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) for details.

**Don’t forget…**

Please can we remind you that children in the KS1 playground, before and after school remain the responsibility of parents. Can we also ask that children

(including pre-school children) do not ride bikes, scooters etc on the school grounds to avoid accidents.

If you are in Cambridge supporting family and friends with the half marathon on Sunday, please cheer me on and help me complete this huge challenge!

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze  
*Headteacher*

**FODS Message**

We need your help at the next Duxford Airshow, 23rd & 24th May.  
Can you volunteer an hour of your time to help  on the BBQ (cooking or serving) or tea tent.

We also need cakes, buns, muffins, cupcakes, flapjack and any sort or sweet treat. Whether it be bought or made, all is greatly appreciated.  
If you are able to help please email [fods.email@gmail.com](mailto:fods.email@gmail.com) or speak with Zoe, Kirstie, Jenny or Shelley who will have access to our live rota.

Slots are from 8.30 to 6.30,  3 people on each hour slot (and the two half hour slots 8.30-9.00 & 6.00-6.30)

**Every week we will be including a top tip to help you support your child with** **Maths or English**.

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EnglishTop Tip

Children find punctuating their writing tricky and often forget. Try these fun activities to help support your child with their basic punctuation.

Rainbow sentences – When writing change the pen colour each time a new sentence is added to help children see sentence boundaries.

Walky-talky sentences – Encourage your child to read a text aloud whilst walking; when they encounter a full stop, they change direction. Can you choose a different action for different punctuation?

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Red** | Cheese Bagel Pizza | Fish Finger wrap  DF | Sausage casserole  DF | Meatballs and pasta  DF | Bubble Salmon  DF |
| **Yellow** | Vegetable and Cheese bake | Falafel wrap | Quorn sausage casserole | Meat free Meatballs and pasta | Cheese and onion baked roll |
| **Blue** | Tuna Mayo roll  DF | Cheese wrap | Egg Mayo Roll | Chicken picking plate | Ham and cheese melt |

**Lunches for week beginning 9th  March**

**DF – indicates the dairy free option each day.**

***Diary Dates***

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| Wednesday 11 March | | Year 6 Maths Café -9.00am |
| Friday 20 March | | Mothers’ Day Assembly-2.45pm – details to follow |
| Wednesday 25 March | | KS2 Production – 2.00pm |
| Thursday 26 March | | KS2 Production – time to be decided. |
| Wednesday 1 April | | Spring term closes |
| Thursday 2 and Friday 3 April | | Training Days |
| Monday 20 April | | Summer term starts |
| Friday 8th May | | May Day |
| Monday 25 to Friday 29 May | | Half-term |
| Tuesday 21 July | | Summer term closes |
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| Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September 2020 | | Training Days |
| Monday 7 September | | Autumn term starts |
| Monday 26 to Friday 30 October | | Half-term |
| Friday 18 December | | Autumn term closes |
| Monday 4 January 2021 | | Training Day |
| Tuesday 5 January | | Spring term starts |
| Monday 15 to Friday 19 February | | Half term |
| Friday 26 March | | Spring term closes |
| Monday 12 April | | Training Day |
| Tuesday 13 April | | Summer term starts |
| Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June | | Half-term |
| Monday 7 June | | Training Day |
| Friday 23 July | | Summer term closes |
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