

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy couple of weeks in school. I hope that you have enjoyed keeping up with some of the events and achievements via ClassDojo. I'm sure that you may have seen in the media the increasing pressures that schools are facing financially. This is especially true for small schools. The governors and I will have some difficult decisions to make over the next few years I am sure. The financial challenges for schools are very real. I thought I would touch on a few financial and fundraising issues in this week's newsletter.



We were particularly proud of the achievements of the pupils who were selected to represent the school at the Brentwood Schools swimming gala this week. There were many outstanding individual performances. We were delighted that the boys were overall winners in their group.



The Pupil Parliament are busy planning lots of events for Red Nose Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. During the period between now and then (starting on Monday) we will be selling official Comic Relief red noses in the school office, these cost £1 each. We cannot take responsibility for any that get lost or mislaid!

**Sainsbury's**



We are now collecting the **Active Kids** vouchers from Sainsbury's. Please ask all your friends and family to collect the vouchers every time they shop, fill up or buy online and put them in the box at the school reception. Many thanks for your support!



As you may be aware several classes are planning exciting and valuable school trips at the moment. Please be aware that although we ask for a voluntary contributions if we do not receive contributions from all parents the trip may not be viable and may not go ahead. Furthermore, it may mean we are unable to plan further school visits in the future. We cannot afford to continue to subsidise visits where not enough contributions are received.



We would like to clarify to parents the procedure for setting homework. In general, teachers will place details of homework on the class webpage on a Friday. This may not be updated every week if the nature of the homework is ongoing. Teachers will also 'flag' homework on ClassDojo as appropriate. Year 5 and 6 are expected to take more personal responsibility as we prepare them for the next stage in their education. We will expect them to record their homework in their homework diary and manage their own deadlines (with parental support).

From time to time children may get additional homework, either as a group or an individual according to events in school (eg, following an intervention group, challenges set by the headteacher, as part of forest schools etc) or their individual needs. We will do our best to make parents aware of this as and when it occurs.

**Thanks for supporting the FOWHPS Scavenger Hunt activity. It raised a fantastic £104!**

Yours sincerely

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