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**News…**

The half term is here – we are certainly ready for it in school. Staff and children have worked so hard. Thank you for your support this half term and I hope you all have a restful half term break. If you are going away, have a fabulous time!

**Further staff news –** I am very sad to tell you that Mrs Hobbs will be leaving us on the 5th November. For the past 7 years, she has played such a crucial part in ensuring our children are safe and happy when they start school alongside ensuring they make great progress with their learning. She is such a highly valued member of our team and much loved by the children, parents and staff and will be massively missed by us all. I wish her the very best of luck as she embarks on a new career helping adults with disabilities. I know she will be brilliant at this.

**Harvest-** Thank you so much for the donations to Tamworth food bank that you have been sending in over the last few weeks. I know that family budgets continue to be very stretched at this time, so your generosity in providing for others is amazing and a great example to our children. The food is being collected and will go up to the food bank in the next week. Please remember that this is a community intervention and available for all of our families. We have food bank vouchers in school that can be given out if you yourselves need them and I would encourage you to please seek support if you need too. Drop myself or Mrs Jones a message and we can help you in accessing this service. I have provided some information below on the food bank location and opening times.

**Online safety –** with the increasing platforms in which children can access online material, the safety of our children using the Internet always remains a top priority for us in school as well as at home. I have provided below some reminders on what age children are able to access certain apps and please encourage you to be mindful of these when allowing your child/children to download, watch or play these; the age restrictions are there for a reason. Please remember that children should not have devices including phones or tablets (or even access to TV streaming services without a child filter on) without an adult monitoring usage preferably in the same room. If you need help setting child lock features on things like Netflix please come and see us. We will be providing more information around this area after half term.

**Secondary School applications –** If your child is in year 6 then the window for applying for their secondary school place closes on the 31st October. A late application may mean you do not get your secondary school of choice.

**Flu immunisation –** Please read and action Mrs Fitzpatrick’s letter regarding giving consent for your child to receive the flu vaccination in school next half term. This has now moved to online consent and you need to copy and open the link provided to do this.

Mrs Norton

**Congratulations to all bronze badge winners this week.**

**Bronze**

Y1 – Isabelle, Teddy, Eliza, Summer Mai & Lily

Y2 – Charlie, Dakota, Lily, Teddy, Luna, Emelia, Kyran, Molly, Ollie, Toby, Lewis, Alexandra, Emi, Euan, Ivy, Nevaeh, Roo, Darcy, Isabelle, Maggie, Noah, Sophie & Olivia

Y3 – Brody, Ava, Chloe, Finn, Layton, Isabel, Louis, Maya, Olivia, Alex, Zack, Chace, Isabella, Ella Ro, Max, Gracie, Eva, Noah, Leart, Sarah, Sophia, Sylvia, Stefi, & Toby

Y4 – Ella, Freddie, Holly, Jenson, Mason, Orson, Mia, Alfie D, Alisha, Amelia, Lexi, Tommy, Alfie M, Charlotte & Eduard

Y6 – Rhyanna

**Silver** –

Y5 – Harper, Alexia, Stuie, Rosie H, Max, Ffion, Chloe, Aida & Noah C

**Last week’s MacGregor Mile Winners were Year 3**

**The half term winners are Year 3!**

Ladybirds – Arlie

Year 1 – Ted

Year 2 – Sophie

Year 3 – Toby

Year 4 – Jenson

Year 5 – Morgan

Year 6 – whole class

PE star of the week

Lily Goodby

**Birthday celebrations!**

**Martha**

**Ivy**

**Orson**



👫 Every week, there will be a battle in each class. Boys VS. Girls. 👫

Good luck! 🤞🏼

**This week’s most valuable players:**

**Year 2: 🥇**

**Year 3: 🥇**

**Year 4: Jack & Charlotte 🥇**

**Year 5: Alexia & Alex 🥇**

**Year 6: 🥇**



**Leaderboard this week:**

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 2

Year 6

Year 1

**Top Spellers:**

**🥇 - Sarah T – Y3**

**🥈 – Brady H – Y3**

**🥉 – Ella M – Y4**



**Leaderboard this week:**

Year 2

Year 6

Year 4

Year 5

Year 3

Year 1

**Top Mathstronauts:**

**🥇 - Andrei O – Y6**

**🥈 – Sophie – Y2**

**🥉 – Jack S – Y4**

**School events**

Reminder that our school website has all events taking place in school. [www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk)

**October**

21st end of autumn 1

22nd staff training day

25th-29th half term week

**November**

1st start of autumn 2

29th Staff training day

**December**

9th Yr1 and Yr2 nativity at St.Editha’s church. 6pm

10th Ladybirds nativity at Elim Church 9am

13th Christmas craft morning 8.45-10.15am (one parent/relative per child)

14th Parent consultation meetings 2-7pm

15th Christmas lunch

17th Whole school carol service at St.Editha’s 2pm

End of autumn 2

**January**

4th staff training day

5th start of spring 1

**Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update**

Congratulations to Dr Dennis who won £13.20 last week.

We have raised £ 1516.40 so far.

We have a new area we are fund raising for now and this is the area to the side of the trim trail. We would like to put artificial grass here and develop a calm area where the children can relax.



