

Weekly Word

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To all Parents/Carers,

An even busier week than normal this week! Children in some classes had a virtual 'meet the author' experience yesterday. They absolutely loved it and a big thank you to everyone involved for organising. The middle picture is on Twitter and shows that now, after lots of fundraising from the community, we are the proud sponsors of 15 tigers – I have one of my own in the office! £600 was raised in total and we had a few T-Shirt design competition winners as well. And on the right, one of the winners of the Fair Trade T-Shirt competition which was last Friday. Well done to everyone!

In other news, we have been successful yet again with one of our bids! We applied for up to £2500 to the Nineveh Trust for a new sensory garden on the field and it was accepted – the full amount! Thank you to everyone involved but a special mention goes to Sophie in Y6 and some Y5 children for making videos to support the bid. I asked them especially to watch them and they did; adding that they really helped with the overall feel of the bid and showed how much the children wanted it 😊. YMCA will be involved again with this and we hope it will be completed by the Summer holidays.

We have also received a few emails this week regarding holidays next year, specifically Christmas and how late we break up. As we are not an academy we have no say on when these are set and it is my understanding that Derby City Council signed these off over six years ago. What we can do, however, is juggle some of our INSET days around to make things a bit easier for parents/carers and the children. The office will send something out to this effect later today but the main change will be the INSET day on Monday January 10th 2022 moving to Thursday December 23rd 2021. We know it doesn't solve everything but hopefully it will help a little.

And finally, thank you to everyone who emailed me with their own Fortnite feedback; with many of you sharing similar concerns as us. After half term I will unpick this further and we hope to weave something into the curriculum for Sept 2021.

Have a lovely half term and see you on Tuesday 8th June. Don't forget to click below!

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