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“The Selfish Giant” - Whole School Project

To celebrate the coming of spring, the children have been inspired by the fable ‘The Selfish Giant’ by Oscar Wilde. They have drawn still life observational pictures of spring flowers and in Key Stage 2 the children have worked with textile artist Anne-Marie Cadman to produce pattern work on textiles. All children, at an age appropriate level, have been taught how to write persuasively. They have put themselves in the character of the children in the story to persuade the Giant to let them play in his garden. The work, once complete, will be on display at the front of the school. We look forward to inviting you into school later this term to view it. Today, the children along with their buddy, will each take a spring flower and deliver them to local residents to celebrate the joy of springtime.

Polling Day – Thursday, 7 May Despite our best efforts to avoid closure on polling day on Thursday, 7 May, the school has been forced to close to children by Northampton Borough Council. On this day teachers will be in school planning the new curriculum and new ways of assessment. **However, the school will remain open to Year 6. It is essential that all of Year 6 attend school on this day in preparation for the SATs which take place the week after.** Please be assured that the school will be secured and the children will have no contact with the general public on this day. They must enter the playground in the usual way. Collection will be at 3.15 pm from the playground as usual.

A MESSAGE FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE - Northamptonshire Police have launched a high-profile county-wide campaign this month, to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE). The purpose of the campaign is to let the public know the signs children exhibit when they are being subjected to this type of abuse, and to give guidance about what to do if you come across these signs. For this reason, the campaign is called SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING. You will see the campaign visuals displayed prominently across the county and there will be radio advertising. In addition, your child might come across the visuals while online, as there is a three-month digital media campaign supporting this initiative. Our aim is to raise awareness in young people and parents so they can make informed choices. It is not intended to scare but to prepare young people to be able to identify and then risk assess possible dangers they may encounter both on-line and socially.

Please note that the school gates close promptly at 8.55 am. At this point we will ensure that children who are on the playground are ushered into school. Whilst our overall attendance figure is good, we are still having too many children who arrive late. This is disruptive to the class and often distressing for children.

Please make every effort to ensure your child is at school for 8.55 am.

E-Safety – We are aware that many of our older children have Facebook and other social media accounts in their own name despite this being illegal (the legal age is 13). We strongly suggest that parents monitor their children’s phones, tablets and computers for inappropriate contact that has come to our attention on occasions this year. We have spoken to the children about E-Safety. On the reverse you will find our internet rules.

SCHOOL MEALS

When ordering school meals online, please remember to book your meals on the menu selection before you pay online.

Attendance

School attendance target for 2014/15: 96%

School attendance to date: 96.2%

Number of days lost to unauthorised leave to date: 460.5

Number of children recorded late to date: 1546