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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Pathways have been looking at **making the right choices**. In our assembly, we looked at the choices we make at home and how they can affect us. We then looked at the choices we make in school. Within our lessons, we looked at how the decisions we make have consequences and that these can be positive or negative. Finally, we tied this in with our continuing theme of 'Growth Vs Fixed mind-set'. If you see anyone making excellent choices at home and feel that this deserves a special mention, please contact Mr McHale.

Parent pay

After the Easter holidays we are changing the way you pay for lunch and Trip money, by introducing Cashless Parent Pay and will be live from 14th April 2019, all dinner and Trip money will only be paid via this new system.

More information will follow in soon.

Attendance and behaviour

Attendance this week has been excellent! Part of the reason for this is that medical appointments are increasingly being booked out of school hours. This has had a significant impact on our overall attendance. Please keep this up and ensure all appointments are made outside of school hours where possible.

Y5 residential

April is fast approaching and with it, our exciting Y5 residential to UKSA in the Isle of Wight. This will consist of stand-up paddleboarding, windsurfing, wet suit team games and building their own rafts. On an evening, we will also have football on the beach, archery, cinema experiences and so much more. This is a once in a life time opportunity and we want to encourage all our Y5 children to take part. Please contact Mrs Long or Mr McHale if you have any questions about the residential.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, the children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from a book. We are looking for the most creative and inspiring costumes to win our reading prize! We will also be looking at 'Where the Wild Things are', a novel by Maurice Sendak. To launch this, we would like children to bring in pictures of the '**wildest**' place they have ever been caught reading. Feel free to stage funny and creative photos and again, the winner will get a fantastic prize.

Parent Phonic Workshop

Thank you again for those parents that attended the phonics workshop. We hope you found visiting the children during their phonics lessons both informative and fun. If you missed this exciting opportunity, don't worry – we will be holding another phonics workshop later in the year! If you would like more details or you have any questions, please contact Miss Cahill.

Status Quo visit

On 19th March we have the honour of hosting a very special visitor – Jeff Rich, the former drummer from **Status Quo**. He will be working alongside children to deliver a drumming master class, using drums from different parts of the world and explaining how they work. Keep watching our Facebook page for exciting videos and pictures!

Year 2 SATs

We are really proud of Y2 this week for completing their mock SATs. They have done amazingly well. Big thanks to all children and parents for their continued support.

Performing Art Show

On Tuesday 12th of March, Year 4, 5 & 6 would like to invite you all to come and watch their Performing Arts Show! Within this show, there will be spectacles such as gymnastics performances, dance routines and music. You're all invited to the PE hall from 2:15 - 3:00pm for this wonderful event.

Kingswood deposits

It is now the final week for children to hand in deposits of £20 for the Kingswood residential in Year 4. If you are in Y3 currently and have not given this in by this time, we are afraid that no place will be issued. If any more information is needed on this, please contact Miss Long and Mr Spindley for more details.

Football Season has come to a close.

For the first time in Pathways history – we have entered and now completed the Sheffield Federation for School Sport Football Leagues. The last week before the holidays saw the conclusion of the leagues and the final games brought huge excitement. The Y6 Team went into their final two matches (played on the same evening) knowing two wins could win them the league. In the end they won one and lost the other. This still placed the Y6 Team 2nd in the league which is a huge achievement.

The Y5 team have a much tougher season and until their final matches (two on the same night) we didn't have a point on the board. We did manage to draw one of the final games and score a brilliant goal.

We are really hoping sport and representative teams become a key part of this school and these football teams have helped start these traditions.

Y5 Basketball Tournament

Just prior to half term, we took our Y5 Basketball team to the Arches Basketball Tournament at Forge Valley School. Having only done minimal basketball this year we took a team with the sole aim of enjoying ourselves and showing improvement throughout the night. That is exactly what we did. The Y5 children faced a difficult first match against Shooters Grove (who went on to win the tournament), but gradually showed improvement throughout the evening and more importantly played with real team spirit. We managed to score more baskets as the night wore on. A special well done to Abigael Lungella who was voted player of the tournament.

Sports Leaders First Aid

Our Y5 Sports Leaders have continued to do a brilliant job in and around school working with children of all ages. They are in the playground most days working with small groups and they even help out at our Wednesday morning Change4Life Club. Therefore it was great to reward these Sports Leaders and give them a valuable qualification in the process by putting them through their Children's First Aid Award delivered by 'Mini First Aiders'.

On the last day before the holidays, our 14 Sports Leaders learnt about CPR, recovery positions and minor injuries. They dealt with the situations maturely and truly understood how serious what they were talking about was. Well done Sports Leaders.

Pathways Girl Can!

Some of you will know that every Wednesday lunch we host a Girls Only Sports Club. No boys allowed, only girls in the hall. A place they are comfortable to attend and take part in exercise and activity.

Well this week we recognised the girls who have been most engaged by taking them to the Arches Girls Active Event at the English Institute of Sport. The girls got to take part in 8 different sports but more so, they got to join in and work with over 100 girls from across the city. Girls of different cultures, backgrounds and ethnicities – all with the same belief that Girls Can and WILL play sport. A brilliant day.

Y3 Badminton Festival

This event came about slightly too early. This week we have started delivering racket sports in our PE lessons. Perhaps with a few more weeks practice we could have been even more prepared for this event. However, this week we took 10 Y3 children to the Arches 'Badmania' Event. A brilliant event allowing children to take part in a host of activities developing the children's hand-eye co-ordination and racket handling. Our children behaved impeccably and performed brilliantly.

PE Dates Coming Up...

Saturday 2nd March – Final Cross Country Race of the Season – Graves Park.

Tuesday 5th March – Key Steps Gymnastics Competition – Concord Sports Centre.

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day at Sheffield Wednesday – Hillsborough Stadium.

Tuesday 12th March – Pathways Performing Arts Show – Pathways.

Thursday 14th March – Arches Inclusive Football Tournament – Concord Sports Centre.

Friday 15th March – Y5 Parkwood PE Transition Event – Parkwood Academy.

Wednesday 27th March – Arches Y2 Sports Party – English Institute of Sport.

What's been going on this week

Foundation	In Nursery the children have been playing with and getting used to Numicon. They have been using their fingers to count the holes and then matching the Numicon to a number. They have taken their counting outside and have been counting everything from bricks to jumps, leaves to buckets of sand! In FS2 we have been learning about planting and growing. We have been planting cress seeds and also looking at sunflowers and the art work of Van Gogh. The children have really enjoyed painting their own sunflower pictures.
Willows	Willows Class have been revisiting multiplication skills and have enjoyed using the Numicon resources to help them count in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children have enjoyed reading the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' and practicing their phonics.
Year 1	Year One have had lots of fun learning about how phones have changed from the 1980s to now! We put them in chronological order and we even got to play with a really old phone!
Year 2	This week we have been doing our mock SATs tests. We are so proud of all the effort that each and every child has put into their work this week!
Year 3	Y3 have been reading the Trojan Horse. We have been studying about Sparta and we have planted some seeds. We can't wait to see how they grow.
Year 4	This week the Y4's have been learning about Fractions in Maths and used their knowledge of Fractions in their Science experiment!
Year 5	Year 5 are starting an exciting new book called Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kastner. They are continuing to explore fractions by comparing them using bar models.
Year 6	In Y6 this week, we have been looking at algebra. We started by looking at how we have been using algebra for years without even knowing. We then used substitution to replace nonnumerical objects with numbers. Danny said 'This is much easier than I thought it would be'.

Key Dates

Important dates for your diary		
Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, 6 th March 2019	3.30-6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday, 7 th March 2019	All Day	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th March	2:15 -3:00	Year 4, 5 & 6 performing arts
Thursday, 14 th March 2019	2.30 pm	Y3 Assembly
Friday, 22 nd March 2019	All Day	Inset Day
Tuesday, 26 th March 2019	2.00 pm	AAG meeting
Friday, 29 th March 2019	Morning	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday, 29 th March 2019	Afternoon	KS2 Eggsfactor
Thursday, 25 th April 2019	2.30 pm	Y2 Assembly
Friday 26 th April 2019	Weekend	Isle of White Residential
Monday, 6 th May 2019		Ramadan Begins
Thursday, 9 th May 2019	2.30 pm	Y1 Assembly
13 th May - 16 th May 2019	Monday- Thursday	Y6 SATS Week
20 th May –24 th May 2019	All Week	KS1 SATS Week