

Newsletter 7

30th October 2017

Head's Message

I very much hope that you were able to enjoy some valuable family time over half-term and the pupils have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn.

The second half of term is particularly busy with quite a number of parents' events to fit in. An updated version of the School Calendar for the term is included in this mailing. In particular could I draw your attention to the following events which have moved dates:

One School Awards Ceremony (at Dunstable) – Thursday 9th November at 11.00am

Year 7 to 13 Parents' Day – Thursday 7th December

One School Awards Ceremony

As in previous years this event will take place in the Gym at Dunstable Campus. The date and time has been changed so that it can coincide with the visit of Andrew Selous MP who will present the Gold and Silver One School and Dux awards to the pupils from Dunstable and Northampton campuses.

Parents are very welcome to attend but please be aware there will be limited space available so please contact Mrs Coleman (louise.coleman@focus-school.com) so we can try to manage demand for seating.

KS2 Monthly Merit Cup



The monthly Merit Cup for KS2 for October was won by Warriors...



Congratulations!

Also a belated congratulations to Troopers who won the KS2 monthly Merits Cup for September (sadly no photo)



100% Attendance Competition

You will be pleased to learn that we have found a way to distinguish between absence due to a wedding or burial and other absences so that they do not count against pupil in this initiative.

This means that 107 pupils still have 100% attendance so far this term! This is well over 50% of the pupil population...

Key Stage 2 Teacher Awards



Well done to Austin Fowles who was awarded the Teacher Award in Year 5 and 6 for completing all his learning tasks to a consistently high standard and to Matthew Hibbert who wins the Year 3 and 4 Teacher Award this week for demonstrating an outstanding approach to school life.

School Bags – a plea!

In Years 7 to 13 every pupil has a locker allocated in which they can store books and files. It is important that any schoolbag that they use to move books and files around school can fit in their locker as with our limited space they cannot be left around the school during break and lunch times.

The pupils do not need a bag big enough to carry all their books and files around – some of the bags in use are vast – they only need to two lessons' worth or a night's home learning in their bag at any one time.

Please could we ask parents to keep school bags to a sensible size. Individually with excessively large school bags will be identified and asked to provide a more appropriate bag.

Pupil Leadership

In consultation with the Head and Lead CA the Year 13 pupils have been further developing the school's pupil leadership structure. Marcel Remington, Carmen Tunley and Glenna Chattell have taken on the role of Leadership Liaison forming a link between the Pupil Leadership structure and the School Leadership and CA teams.

Year 13 are leading a whole school assembly on Thursday to update the pupils and staff on their agreed leadership structure and introduce the roles. Details will follow in the Newsletter next week...

KS2 Boys' Swimming...end of half-term fun!

