

19th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I can hardly believe that we have come to the end of our first half term already. It has been a very positive first half term with lots of things to celebrate. Well done to all our families who have adapted to our new opening time. Remember that the doors now open at 8:55 in the morning, closes at 9:01 and learning begins at 9:02 so it is very important that your child arrives at school on time to maximise their learning.

One of my favourite times of the week is Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher. This is a special treat when a child is nominated by an adult in the school because they show all of our school values and are a real role model to their peers. Then that child and I enjoy a hot chocolate together (with cream, sprinkles and marshmallows) and a chat. For me it is a wonderful chance to learn more about the pupils at Lea Valley and to spend some quality time with them.

Last week we had a wonderful assembly by 6N who told us all about what they had been learning this half term and talked about the power of yet. For example, I can't do it **yet** or I don't understand **yet**. I am looking forward to hearing what 6J have been learning about in their class assembly tomorrow at 10:30 and I look forward to seeing lots of their parents there too. After half term 2H have their very first class assembly on the 3rd November.

We sent more pupils out to a Dodgeball tournament last week. They were fantastic representatives of the school and had a really great time. Yesterday year 5 pupils visited the British Library and took part in a scared text workshop. They looked at religious artefacts and identified a common theme amongst them. Then they explored actual Sacred Texts and analysed their various features. Finally they went on a trail to explore the many floors of the library. They had a really great day!

Next week is half term and we return to school on Monday 31st October. Then we have a busy week. Year 4 are off to visit St Pauls Cathedral as part of their RE learning. Also as part of RE, Year 2 are off to visit a Synagogue as part of their learning about Judaism. We will be celebrating Climate Change Day on 3rd November and more details will follow soon in a letter.

Once again thank you to everyone who has shared the views on Parent Link. We are always pleased to hear your views, please use the link below if you would like to share with us <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views/survey/1621>

I hope you all have a lovely half term and enjoy some quality time with your friends and families. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 31st October.

Kind regards

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