

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Learning – Laughing – Achieving**

This week Miss Vousden has been really impressed by the learning taking place in 6MC and 6GE. Both classes have been learning how to multiply fractions by whole numbers, mixed numbers and improper fractions. Pupils in 6GE were eloquently able to explain that when you multiply two fractions together you are finding a fraction of a fraction therefore the answer will get smaller. Pupils in 6MC showed a really good understanding of how to turn an improper fraction into a mixed number to make the calculation easier to approach.

The pupils were working incredibly hard with some tricky mathematical concepts. In both classes, pupils demonstrated excellent focus and a real determination to succeed. Well done year 6.

### **Ancient Greek Workshop**

On Monday, Year 6 were visited by the Rainbow Theatre and took part in a workshop all about life in Ancient Greek times. Divided into four groups to prepare scenes from everyday Greek life, they learned about life in the home of a successful merchant, lessons in the open air, life in the Agora (the market) and visiting the gymnasium where the Greek children would have played their own games and practised their athletics. Year 6 then became actors and prepared three myths with their groups: Oedipus and the Sphinx, Odysseus and the Cyclops, and Theseus and the Minator. Finally, everyone joined in a Greek dance.

It was an informative, interactive morning and it was a great way to launch the Ancient Greek history topic this term.

### **House Winners**

Year 3 and 4 children in Nelson house can't wait for Tuesday and their swimming reward afternoon. Please make sure that children have their kits in school on this day so they can enjoy their swim.

### **School Nurse**

On 25th January we will be joined by the school nurses from 9-11am who are in school to meet with parents and discuss any concerns around sleep, eating or behaviour. The feedback from the session in the Autumn term was very positive and I would encourage parents to pop in for a cup of tea, biscuit and a chat if you have any concerns at all. Please come to reception on the day.

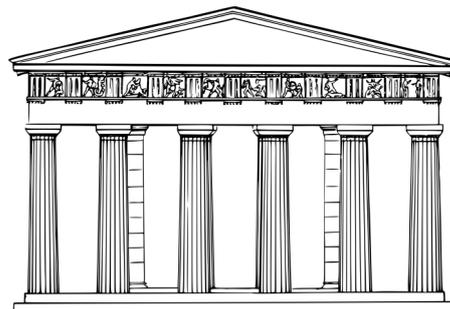
### **School Dinner Accounts**

Can we please remind all parents that their children's dinner accounts need to be in credit for them to sign up for a meal. We understand that occasionally there may be a good reason why a meal could be owing, but if the account is two meals overdrawn you are asked to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared and the account back in credit. The on-line payment system is easy and convenient to use, and today we are attaching a guide which will show you how to set up a useful reminder to alert you when you are running out of credit. Do call at the office if you would like to register, or if you need a new code.

### **Hayden Vehicle Rental**

And finally I would like to thank Hayden Vehicle Rental for their continued generous support of our school – which enables us to take children and staff to a range of venues for sporting and curriculum trips. Thank you.

Enjoy your weekend, David Bessant



### **Diary Dates 2017/18**

23rd Jan	Winning House swim for Years 3 and 4 Nelson house
24th Jan	Love of History of Music day
24th Jan	Parents evening 4.00—7.00pm
25th Jan	Parents evening 4.00—6.00pm
25th Jan	School Nurse drop in 9.00—11.00am
30th Jan	Winning House swim for Years 5 and 6 Nelson house
30th Jan	Year 6 parents SATs meeting 2.30pm
5th Feb	Planetarium visit for Year 5
6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
7th Feb	Years 5 and 6 ACE time pm
8th Feb	Years 3 and 4 ACE time pm
9th Feb	Original Love Day
12th Feb	Half Term Week
19th Feb	School closed for training
20th Feb	First day back after half term
12th Mar	Mock SATs week
12th Mar	Bikeability for Year 5 children
27th Mar	Year 3 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
29th Mar	Winning House cinema and popcorn day
14th May	SATs Week