



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 4th March 2024

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**Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.**



Attendance figures for week ending 1st March

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	96.2
Mrs Hibberd	91.3
Mrs Thorpe	89.2
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	93.9
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	95.0
Mrs Timmons	87.9

Whole school attendance = 92.4%

## PE days

Big PE days for this half term are as follows:

**F2 = Tuesday**  
**Year 1 = Thursday**  
**Year 2 = Friday**

**If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring as early as possible on 0114 248 2360. Choose Option 2.**

## Office Opening Hours

The **main school office** is open each day from 8am - 4pm, and the phone will be answered within these hours. Outside of these hours you will have the opportunity to leave an answer phone message, which will be replied to, if necessary, when the office is next open.

If you need to contact **nursery** for any reason, then please call the school office number (including if your child will be absent). If you call the nursery number, this will automatically divert to the school office.

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Cora and Audrey	Winnie and Hudson
	
Eden and Esme	Eden and Arthur
	
Theo and Olive	Reggie and Georgie

## **Phonics screening parent meeting - Tuesday 12th March - reminder**

We will be holding our parent meetings about the phonics screening check on **Tuesday 12th March**. There will be two meetings for you to choose between: 2:15pm or 4:30pm and both will be held in the school hall. The meetings are for parents of children in year 1, as well as the parents of children in year 2 who will be re-sitting the check this year. The meeting will share with you information about the screening check, including what it is, who will be running it and how it will affect your child. Tips for supporting your child will be shared and resources given out, along with a chance to ask questions.

## **Parent's Evening - 19th and 20th March**

Our next set of parent's evenings for children in F2, year 1 and year 2 will take place on **19th and 20th March**. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's learning and progress. Please use the appropriate link below to book a time to meet with your child's teacher. If you are unable to make one of the dates, please speak with your child's teacher to arrange a suitable alternative date.

### **Class 1 (Miss Clewes)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-1-miss-clewes-1920-march-tickets-852122650787?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Class 2 (Mrs Hibberd)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-2-mrs-hibberd-1920-march-tickets-852131697847?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Class 3 (Mrs Thorpe)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-3-mrs-thorpe-1920-march-tickets-852137224377?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Class 4 (Mrs Briggs/Miss White)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-4-miss-whitemrs-briggs-1920-march-tickets-852147134017?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Class 5 (Mrs Bettinson/Miss Hughes)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-5-miss-hughesmrs-bettinson-1920-march-tickets-852157655487?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Class 6 (Mrs Timmons)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-6-mrs-timmons-1920-march-tickets-852169310347?aff=oddtcreator>

## **Easter Fun!**

Each year group will run their egg hunt and bonnet parade on the same afternoon.

### **Dates**

F1 – Monday 25th March (am and pm)

F2 – Tuesday 26th March

Y1 – Thursday 28th March

Y2 – Wednesday 27th March

### **Easter Bonnet Parades**

After each Easter egg hunt, parents are invited to come into the playground from 11.00 am (morning sessions) and 2.30 pm (afternoon session) for their child's year group Bonnet Parade. F2, Y1 and Y2 will parade around the bottom yard. Nursery children's parade will be on the nursery playground.

Children will be invited to make a bonnet at home, and all children who attend on the day will receive an Easter egg kindly donated by HIP group.

## Comic Relief - March 15th

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is a 'non uniform' day—all children can come to school wearing something red. We are also inviting children to bring in a joke to tell on the day.

On the day we shall be holding a fun 'Comic Relief Quiz'. Classes will compete against each other, and every child in the winning class will receive a prize.

You can make donations to Comic Relief via ParentPay.

## Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality at school are critical for your child's education.

One of our targets is to increase our overall attendance and, to this end, we monitor attendance of all children, aiming for everyone to have attendance that is at least 94% or more. If your child's attendance falls below 90% we will be in touch to let you know, and offer support where needed to help to improve this.

Arriving at school on-time is also critical. As you are aware, we prioritise reading, as it is reading that opens the door to other learning. All our phonics lessons start at 9am and, therefore, children arriving regularly after this time are missing out on key learning.

Should you require any further support with your child's attendance or punctuality then please come and speak to us.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



## World Book Day—reminder

This year's World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, and we have been busy thinking of ways to make the day fun and exciting.

### Dressing up/Pyjamas

Children are welcome to attend school on the day either dressed as their favourite character from a story (please bring the book along too with their name in), or wearing pyjamas. We kindly ask for no 'onesies' or superhero costumes as these can be difficult to get in and out of for toileting.

Throughout the day children will take part in lots of fun reading sessions, sharing stories, making puppets and much more!

### Secret Storyteller

On the day we will be holding another secret storyteller event. Children will be visited in their classroom by a different member of staff to read them a story. To make the event even more special the children will enjoy juice and biscuits whilst listening to one of our exciting new books which have been kindly donated to us by Bookmark.

The staff are really looking forward to reading with different classes again!

### Extreme Reading Competition

This year we are holding an 'Extreme Reading' competition. We are challenging the children to read in as many unusual places (or positions) as they can.

Extreme reading ideas:

- \* in a museum, art gallery, or shopping centre
- \* on a trampoline
- \* in the wardrobe
- \* on a swing
- \* with a pet/animal
- \* in the dentist's waiting room
- \* at the beach
- \* on a climbing frame (hanging upside down?!)
- \* in a tent or home-made fort
- \* in the rain (using an umbrella of course!)
- \* in the garden shed
- \* at the top of a hill
- \* halfway up the stairs!

Take a photo of your child and upload it to Tapestry with the title **Extreme Reading competition**. In addition, please encourage the children to complete a simple book review of the book they are shown reading in the photo. Review templates are attached.

The School Council will be judging the images. We shall announce the winners and prizes in the school newsletter in the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**We can't wait to see your fantastic entries!**



# Be smart on the internet

Childnet International  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

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## SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.



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## MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.



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## ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



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## RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.



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## TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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Useful websites:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)