



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 19th February 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 9th February

| Class | Attendance (%) |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Miss Clewes | 85.3 |
| Mrs Hibberd | 85.3 |
| Mrs Thorpe | 78.3 |
| Miss White/Mrs Briggs | 85.7 |
| Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson | 83.0 |
| Mrs Timmons | 99.9 |

Whole school attendance = 84.4%

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

HIP Group New Year Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our 'New Year' raffle. The lucky winners will have received a phone call today to let them know which prize they have won! Prizes can be collected from the school office.

We are delighted to say that some of the money raised will be helping us to make our outdoor provision in F2 even better!

PE days

Big PE days for this half term are as follows:

F2 = Tuesday
Year 1 = Thursday
Year 2 = Friday

Please note that Year 1 and Year 2 have swapped days

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.

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school today, and we hope that you all had a restful week off. The last week of term was busy, particularly with the snow that we had. However, if you were able to join us for the art galleries across school that week, we hope that you enjoyed seeing the learning journey that your children went on and their final pieces. It was wonderful to be able to share this learning with you.

Curriculum maps

This half term, children in KS1 will be learning all about the lives of 'Inspirational Individuals'. Children in EYFS will be learning about 'Time and Change; how does your garden grow'.

Your child's curriculum map, which outlines what they will be learning in each curriculum area, will be shared with you this week.

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th 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 11th March 2024.

We can't wait to see your fantastic entries!

S20 Food Bank Collection

On Friday we shall be collecting donations for the S20 food bank. Any donation is greatly appreciated to help us make a difference to the lives of people within our community. Please see below for some suggested items. Please hand any donations into the school office on **Friday**.

Shopping List

- ✓ Long-life Milk
- ✓ Powdered Milk
- ✓ Fruit Juice (carton)
- ✓ Canned Soup
- ✓ Packet Soup
- ✓ Tinned Tomatoes
- ✓ Breakfast Cereal
- ✓ Tuna (canned)
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Noodles
- ✓ Biscuits
- ✓ Chocolates
- ✓ Crisps
- ✓ Tea Bags
- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Tinned Vegetables
- ✓ Canned Fruit
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Peanuts
- ✓ Flour
- ✓ Sugar
- ✓ Salt
- ✓ Jams and spreads
- ✓ Soap
- ✓ Sanitary Products



Did you know that over 40% of households have a smart speaker? However, they can often be forgotten about when it comes to online safety. If your child has access to a smart speaker in your house, then why not check that they are using it safely and in an age-appropriate way. See below for some 'top tips' for using a smart speaker. More information about this can be found at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers>



Top tips:



Talk with your child about responsible use of your smart speaker

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their smart speaker for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the speaker helping with homework or not adding items to shopping lists using the speaker.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens.

This could be to stop talking to it, leave the room and tell an adult.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the speaker itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

Useful websites:

- www.saferinternet.org.uk
- www.internetmatters.org
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Follow the White Rabbit into our Easter Extravaganza. Join us for an enchanting Alice in Wonderland themed event.



Meet Alice and the Mad Hatter in person!



Enjoy an exciting Easter egg hunt, where every child will receive a chocolate egg.



Take part in a live animal petting experience



Enjoy our tombola stall and indulge at our delightful cake & drink stall.



Take part in our Easter Bonnet Parade and competition. Prizes for best under 5s, under 10s and under 16s.



Don't be late for this extraordinary adventure!
Saturday 30th March on the Westfield shops.

1.00-3.00pm



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