

What a lovely Spring Morning

Thank you

We have managed to save **£169** for Save the Children to support the unfolding crisis in Ukraine. The children looked amazing and had put so much effort (or you had!) into their outfits.

We have been monitoring the children reading at home and are so pleased that more and more children are reading daily at home. Don't forget to let us know in their reading records when you have been reading together.

Thank you to Gillian for her time as our breakfast club and lunchtime supervisor - we wish her well for her future.

Helpful Information

- We have been sent some information that you may find helpful regarding the challenges children are facing seeing terrible images about Ukraine - this is attached.
- Don't forget our barely used uniform bank in school if we can help. Better in your cupboards and being used than on our shelves!
- There is also some useful information attached from Believe Housing on support with employability that may be of use to some of you.

We have a small discretionary fund we can use to support people within the service with things such as interview clothes, travel to interviews, training costs etc We can support to access fuel vouchers and food banks – a wide variety of support is available and it is catered to the individual's needs. We also have a Health & Well-being Coordinator within the team.

What is New?

The New Menu for school dinners will be forwarded to you next week to make your choices.

The Vouchers for school aged children went out this week. We haven't received the Early Year Pupil Premium Vouchers as yet.

Attendance Letter for children for 90% and under attendance have gone out this week. We do understand there are often a range of circumstances that mean in the current climate it is difficult to keep attendance high but we have a duty to follow the Attendance procedures. You may have heard in the news how concerned the Children's Commissioner is about the number of children falling into persistent absence (under 90%).

Attendance Figures this week

FS2 87% - sickness bug
Y1 96%
Y2 94%
Y3 95.6%
Y4 91.3% - sickness bug
Y5 87% -sickness bug
Y6 98%
TOTAL 92.9%

Competitions

- Easter Egg Decoration Competition entries on the theme of the Jubilee. Could we ask that these are in school during the week beginning 28th March so we get plenty of time to enjoy them before judging takes place!
- Garden Competition. A few years ago I challenged the classes to create little min gardens / garden areas with their own little budget. I have done the same today to try and spruce up the outside areas. Don't be surprised if you get some groveling requests!

Coming Up

You will be receiving end of term mini reports for the children before we break up for the Easter break and offered a meeting with the teacher. We have not decided the format of the meetings and you will probably be given options of TEAMS, telephone or if we can face to face meetings.

Red Nose Day / Comic relief Friday 18th March

This years theme is the power of humour - the children can dress up as super heroes to make us laugh or just to dress to make us laugh. If you want to make a donation we have a pot set up on Parentpay. You can follow the link below to see the work they do to support across the world to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>

Holiday dates

Quick reference:

Easter - we break up at 3.00pm on 8th April

we return on Monday 25th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May

Half Term - we break up on Thursday 26th May and return on Tuesday 7th June (a long time off as one day is the extra day for the Jubilee and one is a training day)

I have attached next years term dates as there was an error on the Christmas Holidays.

Have a lovely weekend

M Mackenzie and all the staff

Attachments

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