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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: 16th FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the half-term break, I would like to share news, updates and events from the last few weeks plus dates for next half term.

We have packed a lot in to this half term so I'm sure everyone will be ready for a break. It's lovely to see the sun out today so hopefully that will stay with us for next week!

We have ended the half term with two excellent class assemblies – Mrs Baum's class (Year 2) and Miss Allen's class (Year 5). The children shared their learning from the half term and we were very impressed by the high standard of work seen and the wide range of activities they have completed. Well done to all children involved

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or require further information.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher

Class Dojo Communication

A big thank you to parents/carers for supporting us with our new guidelines around communication with school and reduced use of Class Dojo for this. It is good to see that parents/carers are now sending any queries in to the school office via email or calling the school and asking to speak to members of staff if needed.



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New Website



We are very excited to share our new website with you after half term and I will send a reminder out about this on the 26th February when we will launch this. We hope you will feel that it is easier to find key information and it should make booking Parents Evening slots an easier process. We also hope you agree that it showcases everything we do at our school and reflects our values and ethos. Any feedback will be welcomed.

Please note also that photos used on the website only include pupils where parents/carers have given permission for this in our permissions form. Even if you have given permission however, do let us know if there is any photo of your child you would like us to remove.

KS1 End of Day Timings

We had only positive comments following the proposed slight change to KS1 timings. This will start therefore after half term and should make our end of day procedures a little smoother for everyone. End of day timings from 26th February 2024 will be:

Nursery: 3.15pm

Reception: 3.20pm

KS1: 3.25pm

KS2: 3.30pm

One Britain Week

This will be the first week back after half term and is part of our RSE curriculum. Please see the letter attached for more details.

As part of this theme and to start our week off, we will be having a Neurodiversity Awareness Day on Monday 26th February. Pupils can come to school in non-uniform on that day, wearing one or all of the following! -

Colourful/patterned socks and/or odd socks (linked to Down Syndrome Awareness)

Blue coloured clothes/accessories (linked to Autism Awareness)



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Purple coloured clothes/accessories and/or anything with Butterflies (linked to Turner Syndrome Awareness)

Orange coloured clothes/accessories (linked to ADHD Awareness)

Pupils may wish to bring in a donation of £1 on this day. Funds raised will be shared between The Turner Syndrome Foundation, the National Autistic Society, the ADHD Foundation and the Downs Syndrome Association)

Class Attendance



For February, the overall attendance figure for the school is **94.8%** which is a little lower than usual but there does seem to have been a lot of illness this half term.

Thank you for your support with sending your child into school every day and on time. This has such a positive impact on their learning, friendships and enjoyment of school life.

Attendance in each class was as follows:

Reception: 94.4%

Mrs Exley's Class: 97.1%

Mrs Baum's Class: 95.6%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 94.6%

Miss Stebbings Class: 92.5%

Mr Walsh's Class: 97.3%

Miss Allen's Class: 95.1%

Mr Storrar's Class: 93.3%

Mr Walsh's class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners for February. They were very pleased to receive the Attendance Bear in Assembly today!



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HEADLICE

Just another of our regular reminders about checking your child's hair for head-lice. This is a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4-11 and if you would like further information about detection and treatment the NHS website (www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice) gives very clear information.

DRIVING AND PARKING NEAR SCHOOL ENTRANCES

School staff are observing some unsafe and inconsiderate driving and parking close to the school entrance. This includes driving too fast, parking on pavements so that pedestrians cannot get past, (particularly those with prams/pushchairs) and parking on the zig zag 'school keep clear' markings for which parking fines (PCNs) can be issued.

Please ensure that the safety of our children and families is given full priority when driving or parking near school, even if you are in a rush.

Dates for the Diary

26th February: Back to school and the start of One Britain Week

4th and 5th March: EYFS and KS1 Parents/Carers Meetings (letters will be sent out on Monday 26th February)

8th March: Mothers/Aunties/Grandmas/Foster Mums etc Breakfast at 8am (Letter to follow after half term)

11th and 12th of March: KS2 Parents/Carers Meetings (more details to follow after half term about how to use our new website for bookings)

25th and 26th March: Egg Decoration in school

27th March: Easter Coffee Afternoon for Reception parents/carers, plus parents/carers of pupils in the KS2 school choir, 2.30pm

28th March: Mr Walsh's Class Assembly at 9.10am/Mrs Dadswell's Class Assembly at 2.30pm

28th March: End of Term



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