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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: FEBRUARY 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish for the half-term break, I would like to share some news about our activities in the last few weeks and some reminders and information - it has certainly been an action-packed half term!

There have been a wide range of sporting visits and visitors and Years 1-6 greatly enjoyed our visiting theatre production of Treasure Island this week.

Children have produced some lovely art work, including the example from Reception above which reminds us that Spring (hopefully) is around the corner! I will share more art work with you in our next newsletter, particularly some fabulous 3D work by Years 5 and 6,

We had two excellent Class Assemblies today (Year 2 and Year 4) where children shared the high quality work they have produced this half term and the wide range of activities they have enjoyed. Well done to all children involved and their teachers.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and week ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher

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Friday Fundraisers

We had two brilliant Fundraisers today, organised by pupils in Year 4. Findlay and Holly organised a 'Name the Teddy' fundraiser which raised £31 for the charity Pawz for Thought. Abigail and Leah organised a 'Guess the Animal Under the Blanket' fundraiser which raised £40 for the RSPCA.

Well done to these children for two excellent fundraisers! Thank you to Ellie in Year 4 too who helped today.

Winners were Avneet, Christopher and Millie in Year 6 who were very happy with their prizes. Thank you to all children who took part.



After School Clubs Next Half-Term

These are all free of charge except Irish Dancing.

Next half-term

Tuesday: Dance (Years 2, 3 and 4) *More details to follow in the first week back. It will start the week after. Spaces will be limited to 30.*

Wednesday: Games (Year 5) *More info to follow from Mrs Dadswell*

Wednesday: Irish Dancing (Years 1 -6)

Wednesday: Arts and Craft (Year 1)

These clubs all run from 3.25pm/30pm until 4.30pm.

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The Rights of the Child, Article 31: Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities.

Class Attendance



For February the overall attendance figure for the school was **96.8%** which is excellent, especially considering all of the different sickness bugs we have had to contend with since Christmas! A big thank you to parents/carers for continuing to ensure that our Attendance levels are above local and national averages.

Attendance in each class for February was as follows:

Reception: 95.9%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 98.7%

Mrs Wise's Class: 96.7%

Mrs Baum's Class: 98.7%

Miss Stebbings Class: 99.2%

Mr Walsh's Class: 95.9%

Miss Allen's Class: 96%

Mr Storrar's Class: 95.6%

Miss Stebbings class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners this month and I will let them have the Attendance Bear for their classroom after half term. Well done Year 3!



The Rights of the Child, Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

Earrings

Just a reminder that these should not be worn in school. Wearing earrings in school can prevent pupils from taking part in some of our sporting activities. Please ensure pupils remember to take these out before school. Many thanks for your support with this.

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Rights Respecting Schools



As you know we are a Silver Award Rights Respecting School. Each week we look at a different right (which are also known as articles). In our newsletters, pupils in the Rights Respecting Schools Team would like to start sharing some of the articles with you. Below, two Year 5 pupils would like to explain Article 28 and Article 12-

Article 28- The right to an education.

Our school helps with this through by making our lessons enjoyable with creative writing tasks, which is enjoyable because you can write a story about whatever you want; watching video about science or humanities, which is fascinating; and forest school, which helps us understand more about nature and is fun and adventurous.

The right to an education is a very important because it helps children access their full potential and helps them follow their dreams, for example, being a doctor or biologist.

Jake, Year 5

Article 12 – The right to share our views.

Our school helps us do this through having a school council, so you can share your thoughts about the school and also we have a mental health week so you can know yourself and grow yourself (title of this year's mental health week).

This right is very important as it can affect children's feelings and what they do on a day-to-day basis. Also this can affect children's mind-sets causing them to act unusual and not doing as well as they were before.

Now, a way we can solve this is always listening and doing something about it if it is worrying them.

Daniel, Year 5

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Packed Lunch Policy

Just a reminder for parents/carers about our packed lunch policy. We ask that no fizzy drinks or confectionary items are included in packed lunches (sweets, chocolate bars etc). Our stance on this is that children are able to have these items at home if parents/carers wish to offer these so to have a break from these at lunchtime is sensible and healthier.

Parents/carers may wish to include a sweet treat such as a biscuit, cake etc in their child's packed lunch although we advise that these are kept to a minimum, are balanced with healthier items such as fruit and vegetables and that the portion size/quantity is appropriate.

No items should contain nuts due to pupils in school with nut allergies.

Please see our packed lunch policy on the school website if you would like more details.

Stanley Cups

Much as we fully encourage children to drink lots of water during the day, can we ask that Stanley Cups are not brought into school please after half term. They take up too much room on desks or on water bottle tables and are also much easier to spill water from (which is a concern if near books or computers!). Many thanks

Dates for the Diary

3rd March: Children return to school

6th March: World Book Day *Pupils are invited to dress as a book character or may come in non-uniform if they prefer.*

10th and 11th March: Nursery, Reception and KS1 Parents/Carers Evenings. *Letter to follow after half term and booking online as usual. Please note that one of Miss Baum's meetings will be on a different date. Mrs Baum will share the details on Class Dojo.*

17th and 18th March: KS2 Parents/Carers Evenings

28th March: Mothers' Day breakfast

9th April: Easter Coffee Afternoon for Reception parents/carers

11th April: Miss Allen's Class Assembly at 9.10am/Year 1 Class Assembly at 2.30pm.

11th April: End of term.

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