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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS/CARERS: MARCH 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

A very eventful few weeks with lots of great things happening in school. The warmer and drier weather at last has also meant that children can start playing on the grass and are able to use the new playground equipment we have purchased.

We have had a lovely end to this week with our Mothers Day/Special People Breakfast this morning. It was lovely to see so many mums, grandmas, aunts etc join us and enjoy a special breakfast with their children. A very big thank you as always to Mrs Patton, Mrs Tyrrell and Mrs Pattinson who organise this event. Also to our brilliant kitchen team who served tea, coffee and toast and to all of our staff and parent/helpers. It was a great team effort!

Below you will find information about other events in school and further dates for your diaries.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and hopefully continued sunny weather!

Mrs Lavelle,

Headteacher

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Easter Egg Decorating Competition



This will take place in the last week of term. Please see the letter attached.



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.

Rights Respecting Schools Award News!



I am delighted to share with you that we have been successful in our re-accreditation assessment for the Silver Rights Respecting Schools award. The assessor looked at a wide range of evidence and also spoke to children, staff, parents and governors. She was very impressed by our pupils' strong understanding of children's rights and the ways in which we teach about these in school. Some sections from the report are shared below.

'Children met with are confident in the concept of fairness and equity and know that adults in school are there to listen and support them'

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'There is a strong focus in school on inclusion and this was clear when hearing children discuss non-discrimination, highlighting their learning about racism'

'An active School Council and Rights Respecting Team are involved in promoting rights across the school and making the school the best place possible'

'Children are able to bring fundraising ideas to the Headteacher and regularly lead Friday Fundraiser activities, sharing their plans and the impact of their action in assemblies'.

Watch out for our Silver Award banner going up on the fence next week!

Building Works

This work has been completed today with some minor things to be finalised next week. I'm sure you will agree that our school now looks fabulous! We are really pleased with the quality of the work and the impact it has made. The finishing touch will be when we put our signs back up and our anniversary mosaic. It will also be good to have a less busy car park again!

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. Please avoid children having ears pierced over the Easter break please and wait until the Summer holidays.

Dates for the Diary

7th and 9th April: Year 6 Parents/Carer Evenings (a separate letter will be sent out with more details)

9th April: Easter Coffee Afternoon for Reception and Nursery parents/carers (more details to follow)

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

11th April: End of term.

28th April: Return to School

5th May: School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

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