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Acting Head Teacher Message

That time of year is fast approaching, and preparations are already underway in school. We have a busy few weeks planned and appreciate that it is a busy time at home too! There is an additional letter coming home tonight with further information on all of the Christmas events up to the end of term. However, if you have any questions please contact school or see a member of staff on the school yard.

Thank you for returning the Parent Voice questionnaires, feedback has been collated and will be shared with Governors. Staff would like to thank you for all of the positive comments, they are very much appreciated. I will be sharing the feedback with you all soon including our actions moving forward. In the meantime, we thank you again for your kindness and continued support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clarke

School News

Attendance

Attendance continues to be very good; overall attendance figures are 97.17% since the beginning of term. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

Payment Reminders

Please can any outstanding Pantomime payments be sent to school as soon as possible. The cost is £7.50. Milk orders for Spring term (up to Easter) must be received by Friday 14th December along with payment of £12.50 for 59 days. Thank you.

Water bottles

Thank you to those of you who have sent water bottles in, we are still looking for a suitable replacement bottle to purchase. This could take some time so please continue to send in a bottle from home, each week until further notice. Thank you.

School Admissions

The Online admissions portal opened on the 1st November for applications to First School, it will close on the 15th January. Please contact the Admissions team on 01670 624 889 if you have any questions.

Children in Need 2018

Thank you all for your kind donations, the children had a fantastic day and we have raised a total of £74.90 for Children in Need.

Class news

Reception - Mrs Manning

We have enjoyed reading The Little Red Hen, The Gingerbread Man, and Goldilocks and the 3 bears. We have been writing some super sentences about the stories.

In maths we have learnt about the meaning of equals and using Numicon to balance scales. In PE we have been learning how to stay safe using the big apparatus. We loved climbing, jumping and swinging on the climbing wall.



Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One enjoyed a lovely morning at Forest School with Mrs Gray. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Gray for a wonderful day and another big thank you to Isaac's mum for helping us too.

We had a fantastic time playing in the woods, decorating Pudsey Bear with different objects from the forest, building dens, creating our own Pudsey Bear bandanas, making houses for insects, eating special Pudsey Bear pancakes and even having our hot school lunches from special trays in the forest!

This week Class One have been learning to solve division word problems. The children have been using their knowledge of the Singapore bar method and the circle method to show their working out.

We have been continuing our work on Guy Fawkes and have written a letter to Lord Monteagle to tell him about the plot. The children made their own predictions about who the letter could be from based on what they already know about the plotters.

Class One would also like to say a massive thank you for all of the support for our cake stall. There were so many yummy cakes!



Class 2 - Mrs Hinchcliffe

Class 2 have continued to work really hard. They have moved on to multiplication and division in maths and are really trying hard to learn their times tables. They all know which times tables they are personally working on at the moment AND some help with this at home would be much appreciated.

Thank you so much for all your help with the science homework. The children really enjoyed sharing their experiments, models and posters with the class. The children have now moved on to learning about skeletons and how animals and people move.

In topic the children are learning about the Bronze Age, they are fascinated by the work of archaeologists and how tools and weapons were made. Everyone enjoyed making their own Bronze Age beakers out of clay.



Date	Event	Time	Notes
Thursday 6 th December	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Pupils and staff only
Thursday 6 th December	PTA Christmas fun night- movie and crafts.	3.15 – 5 pm	See PTA letter
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Carols at the Pant then refreshments in the Village Hall.	7pm	All children and families welcome
Thursday 13 th December	School Christmas lunch	12.00	Please return the slip by Monday 3 rd December
Friday 14 th December	Queen's Hall visit - Robin Hood Reception, Class 1 & 2.	1 pm – 3 pm	Estimated return time 3.30 pm. School uniform
Monday 17 th December	Dress rehearsal at the Village Hall	1pm	Pupils and staff only
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas performances at the Village Hall	2 pm and 6 pm	Children to be dropped off at the village hall at 5.30 pm. Doors open at 5.45 pm
Thursday 20 th December	Class Christmas parties	1 pm	Bring party clothes in a named bag to change into
Friday 21 st December	Christmas jumper day, Christingles and Carols around the Tree	2 pm	Christmas jumpers /tops/ hats optional
24 th December – 4 th January 2019	Christmas holiday		
Monday 7 th January	Spring term begins		School reopens to pupils
Friday 11 th January	Class 2 Forest School	All day	More details to follow
Tuesday 29 th January	PTA cake stall - Reception	3.15 pm	School yard
15 th February	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
18 th – 22 nd February	Spring half term holiday		
Monday 25 th February	School reopens to pupils		
Tuesday 5 th March	Class 2 trip to Housesteads - Roman re-enactment	All day	More details to follow
Friday 8 th March	Class 1 Forest School	All day	More details to follow
8 th April – 19 th April	Easter holiday		
Monday 22 nd April	Bank holiday Monday	All day	School closed to staff and pupils
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens to pupils		
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday Monday	All day	School closed to staff and pupils
27 th May – 31 st May	Summer half term holiday		
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens to pupils		
Monday 8 th July	Transfer day	All day	Children to visit new classes /schools.
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer holiday		

