



NEWSLETTER Issue 20

Wednesday 28th February 2018



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for trudging through the snow today to bring your children into school, it was lovely to see how many children made it in.

I would like to begin by apologising for any inconvenience and upset caused this morning when more children than expected arrived late due to the snowy conditions. Unfortunately, several members of staff, were also late arriving due to transport difficulties, and so we had to shut the doors, as staff members were needed in class to look after the children who had already arrived.

Apologies to that the Groupcall message was so late getting to you. I was here at 6.30am this morning to assess the site and sent a message but it was held up due to the volume of text traffic.

As there is more snow forecast for the next 2 days the late gate door to the new building and the main entrance to the old building will be kept open until 8.45am and will be manned by a member of SLT for safeguarding reasons. After this time, you will need to sign in at the office so that all children are registered as being on site. Hopefully this will make for a smoother start to the day for everyone.

World Book Day Tomorrow

Just to remind you, that children can dress up as a book character and pay a £1 contribution to the Action for Kids charity if they wish.

Reading Breakfast Postponed to Friday 9th March.

Due to the snowy conditions we have postponed the Reading Breakfast to Friday 9th March, as we are concerned that it may be difficult for families to get here by 8.00am given the weather. There would also be inadequate time to make the playground safe in terms of gritting by this time.

Homework

We will continue to set the usual homework in Nursery and Reception.

In addition to the usual Year 1 to Year 6 homework : reading, phonics/spelling, mathematics, multiplication tables, class teachers will now also set an additional weekly task such as arithmetic, reasoning, spelling, punctuation and grammar or reading comprehension.

Your child's class teacher will let you know when the homework is to be returned.

Year 4 debating in English



Children from Year 4 showed off their debating skills this week in a competition to find the best class in their year group. Each class elected five speakers to debate the issue and then worked in teams to develop their arguments, covering areas such as behaviour, class names, working hard, having fun, class displays and teamwork. Children listened carefully to the speeches and then voted as a year group, although they could not vote for their own class. The result was incredibly close, with only two votes separating the first and third placed class. The event was held as part of an English unit on discussion texts and aimed to develop the children's speaking and listening skills as well as their awareness of British values of democracy.

Chickenpox

We have had several new cases of chickenpox this week. Please do not send your child to school if they have chickenpox until **ALL** the spots have scabbed over. If your child is unwell and has spots, it is important to take them to the Doctor as soon as possible.

INSET DAY REMINDER

There is an INSET day on Friday 16th March so school will be closed.

I hope you all stay safe and warm in this freezing weather.

Best Wishes

Ali Silke - Principal

Attendance awards 

From Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2018

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Zephaniah Class**

The highest attending class in KS2 was: **Mandela Class**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 2nd March 2018

Our Value last week was **Aim High**

The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly. Well done!

**BLAKE
O'KEEFFE
SEUSS
BOWIE
GILL
WONDER
POTTER
ROSEN
ZEPHANIAH
HILL
LEWIS
WEIR
DARWIN
HAWKING
LOVELACE
DAVIS
PERKINS
PARKS
MANDELA**

Roxana Bojanowska
Artem Byndiu
Ethan Jordan
Hendrik Von Silva
Dacian Mahmood
Naomi Dawodu
Jamie Ross
Dalziel Thomas
Vihaan Srivastava
Ka-Marley McTaggart-Lecky
Lisa Michael
Summer Higginson
Leonard Hills
Oliver Skowronski
Oliver Bailey
Sharon Kurucova
Nishitha Chinni Hariram
Jaleel Juma
Muhammed Rehman

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

| Date and Time | Event |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 1 st March | World Book Day -Dress up as your favourite book character |
| Friday 9 th March | Reading Breakfast 8.00am |
| Friday 16 th March | SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY |
| Wednesday 28 th March | Danceathon and end of term mufti day |
| Thursday 3 rd May | SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO LOCAL ELECTIONS |
| Saturday 23 rd June | Summer Fete |
| Wednesday 18 th July | Sports Day |

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABE FOR SEPT 2018



FULL TIME AND PART TIME NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE BETWEEN 01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015



PLEASE ENQUIRE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM



