



Newsletter

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Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance to date from
September 2018.

Please note difference	W/B 13/05	W/B 20/05
Mango (Nur)	90%	90%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	95%	95%
Beech (1E)	95%	95%
Maple (1T)	96%	96%
Birch (2R)	96%	96%
Ash (2S)	97%	97%
Oak (3B)	93%	93%
Lemon (3D)	95%	95%
Aspen (4KN)	96%	96%
Spruce (4L)	96%	96%
Palm (5A)	96%	96%
Cherry (5S)	96%	96%
Willow (6G)	96%	96%
Cypress (6S)	93%	93%



Mass Monday

3rd June

Led by Father Tom

9.15am

All Welcome

kindness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our value in school this week has been kindness. I was very moved, when in a class I was observing in earlier this week, a little girl noticed that a boy new to our school, was unsure of what to do. She approached him and asked if she could help. He declined initially, but she would not take no for an answer. She was concerned that he might get in to trouble and enrolled her friend to help her so that they could model together, what he needed to do.

This moment has stayed with me all week, as such a lovely example of what this value means, in action, in our school. This act of kindness was not prompted by an adult, but came entirely from the girl in question. A clear example of our values, absolutely impacting positively on the behaviour of the children and their impact upon one another.

Update on arrangements at the end of the day

I wrote to you a while back to explain that we would be employing staff to liaise with you when children are collected late at the end of the school day.

I am pleased to report back, that since we took steps to change our way of working, the numbers of children collected late has significantly reduced, so I wanted to thank you for working with us on this issue.

To improve this service further, we have noticed that some parents collecting late would prefer to stay outside and have their children sent out to them.

Please be aware that we will need you to come into the building and sign to say that you have collected your son and daughter. This is necessary for safeguarding reasons. When you sign you will also be acknowledging the time of pick up which will help us to monitor what is happening more closely and to work fairly with you.

Request re the school Reception Area

We have noticed that increasingly, our Reception area is used as a waiting area, particularly between the end of the school day and the end of after school clubs.

This is not an issue at all, so long as people are quiet whilst waiting, given that staff are still working at that time, and are very often engaged in making and receiving telephone calls.

Recently I have been informed that children are riding scooters in there or playing games.

Please can I ask that if children are waiting for siblings, that they either have something quiet to get on with or if they need to run about, this happens outside?

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Update on the playgrounds redevelopment

I am pleased to report that we have commissioned a company called Timotay to do the resurfacing of the football pitch. Planning will commence after the half term break and they expect to start on site, after the School Fete, but before the end of the school term.

Progress to secure a contractor for the front playground continues, but before that work can take place we need to do external building and ground works. All of the guttering on the front of the building will be done as well as brickwork and painting. We have also just received confirmation that the Diocese will support us in getting vital works done to our drains and pipework.

Once this is complete, we will then be able to lay the final surface. We hope to complete these works by October half term.

With reference to the 'Green Area' drawings are now complete and we anticipate being able to progress these works if not before, certainly over the summer break.

I hope you all enjoy a restful half term. School resumes on Monday 3rd June.

See you then, Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

Nursery

Nursery have ended this half term with a trip to the church to watch and take part in a Baby Bach Classical music concert, which the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed!! Our topic next half term will be "Little Explorers" this topic is open ended with lots to be explored like our feelings, our new environments, outside, sunny weather, how to stay safe, our imagination and lots more work on transition. Our focus will be on pencil grip and writing our names and letters. Please can I ask for all trip letters for Old MacDonald's farm to be returned the week after half term so I can book the correct amount of adult tickets. Enjoy your break making more family memories.

Reception

In maths this week we have been ordering numbers to 20 and ordering according to size (shortest to tallest or small to big). In Literacy we have completed our own superhero stories! We have also enjoyed playing some rhyming games. Well done to Peach Class for their amazing class assembly! Have a lovely half term break!

Year 1

It's been another busy week in year 1! We've finished off our learning on The Smartest Giant in Town by roleplaying to story. We've also been reviewing 2D and 3D shapes in maths. A huge thanks for your support with the children's projects on famous people, they've enjoyed sharing them with their classmates!

Year 2

It was been another busy and exciting week in year 2! We have been continuing our learning about animal habitats. This week, we have been re-researching and writing fact files about different animals. In math, we have been using ten frames to help us with adding and subtracting. We hope that everyone has a restful and safe half-term. :)

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week! I think the highlight was our special visit to the farm on Wednesday afternoon. It was extremely valuable to the children to be able to see the animals we have been writing and reading about in our literacy topic. We have also been lucky enough to explore some special Viking artefacts to help us learn further about what their life would be like.

Year 4

Year 4 have worked hard to finish their box designs for an Art project linked with the V & A Museum of Childhood. The work will be exhibited in the temporary exhibition space upstairs (we will advise you of the opening date as soon as we know). The children's work will form part of an installation consisting of 350 boxes made by 19 schools! Additionally, the children have finished writing the ending to their Romulus and Remus legend in English; they learnt about how to search safely on the internet in Computing and have developed their bowling and batting skills for cricket in PE. We hope you have a restful half term break!

Year 5

This week we have been writing an exciting myth for our mythical creatures. We also made our own Greek vases. It was so much fun! We created our own Greek tiles! In maths, we learnt how to convert decimals, fractions, and percentages and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. This week was the best week ever! Have a lovely break!

Year 6

"Amongst a parade of trees uniformed in green moss, there stood a young girl with a face as pale as snow and dark sunken eyes..." This week we have been using the story of Rose Blanche to develop both our setting a character descriptions in our writing. We have continued to learn about the horrors of the Holocaust in history and the idea of a Buddhist Sangar community in R.E. In our maths lessons we have spent the week focusing on algebra and different ways of expressing and solving unknown values. Although only 5 weeks long it has been a very busy half term and we hope the children are able to have some well earned rest over the holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the break for their final half term in primary school!

Community House News

Coffee Morning on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

Keep Fit: on Thursdays 9.00-10.00 in school. Crèche available on site.

ESOL Life Skills Course: on every Thursday, To develop their English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life.

Employability Course: Mondays 9:00-11.30. This course is in preparation to getting back into work. Building skills and confidence.



Energy Kidz

May Half term

There are now just a few weeks left to book your place at our 'Terrific Scientific' holiday club held over May Half Term. Our Terrific Scientific theme will be dissected by exciting experiments that are sure to spark a fantastic reaction, including 'Rainbow in a bottle', 'Chemical Inflatons', 'Sudsy Eruptions' and 'Resistant Relays'.