

Newsletter



Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers

Kingfisher class have enjoyed a visit to Scott Polar Museum in Cambridge this week as a fabulous ending to their topic. The children were very enthusiastic and took an active part in the learning experiences. Miss Beams was very proud of all of the children who behaved extremely well throughout the day.

Smiley Sam is visiting next Monday 17th December so please return any donations for Keech Hospice so that we can support this very worthwhile charity. Thank you.

The staff and children are looking forward to their performances and parties next week. Children can come to school on Wednesday 19th in party clothes ready for our celebrations and special visitor but please ensure they wear sensible footwear so they are still able to enjoy their playtimes outside.

As our last newsletter of the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last year and wish you a very Happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 3rd January 2019 when children return to school.

Kind regards

Karen Headland

Diary Dates

17th December—Smiley Sam

17th December—Owls and Kingfishers Christmas concert 2pm in the school hall

18th December—Willows Christmas concert at 10am in the new building

18th December—Eagles and Kestrels class Christmas concert 2pm in the school hall

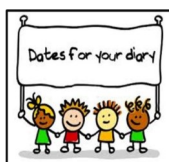
19th December—Last day of term before Christmas break

2nd January—Teacher training day school closed to all pupils

3rd January—First day back to school for all pupils

8th January—Dance club starts after school today until 4.30pm

9th January— Library van



Attendance

Well done to Owls this week with 98.3% attendance. Well done!

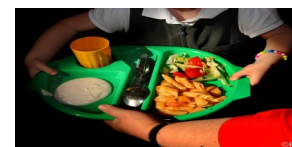
Attendance target for the whole school is 98%.

The school's attendance is currently 97.3%



Caterlink menu change

The menu has been changed for next Tuesday and Wednesday



Tuesday; Fish, pizza, chips, vegetables, cake or fruit

Wednesday ; Macaroni cheese, jacket potatoes, vegetables, cake or fruit

All dietary needs will be catered for as previously. Many thanks.

Mindfulness Kids Programme

As part of the schools initiative, supporting mental health and wellbeing, and in line with PSHE lessons, we are pleased to inform



you that we will be starting a 'Mindfulness Kids Programme' in January 2019. This consists of 16 lessons, packed full of Inspiring videos, games and kinaesthetic activities, bringing mindfulness to life in a way that is fun, relevant and engaging. The programme comprises several themes including, gratitude, resilience and kindness to self and to others.

What is Mindfulness?

Mindfulness is a technique used by many to focus on what is happening right now. It has been found to help children in class overcome distractions and focus on the task in hand..

The first 8-week programme will start in January, in Kestrels class, as part of the school day.

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Term dates.

Can we remind you of the following dates:

Wednesday 19th December— Last day of school term

Thursday 3rd January—First day back to school for all pupils

Friday 8th February—Last day before half term break

Monday 18th February—First day back to school for all pupils

Friday 5th April—Last day of school term

Tuesday 23rd April—First day back to school for all pupils

Friday 24th May—Last day before half term break

Monday 3rd June— First day back to school for all pupils

Friday 19th July—Last day of school term

Wednesday 4th September—First day back to school for all pupils



Cool Milk

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>.



Please note all children under 5 have access to free milk in school, if you had completed the consent form in your child's application pack. If you would like to order and pay for milk if your child is over 5 please follow the above link. Thank you.

Preschool 30 hour funding

Please can we remind you to renew your code for those of you who receive the 30 hour funding by 31/12/18. Many thanks.



Important information

Please note if your child has a head bump in school instead of ringing you like we have done previously we will send a text message via Parentmail, this message will go to all people with parental responsibility. We will only call you directly if your child is unwell or if it is an emergency. Many thanks.



Christmas Fayre

We would like to inform you that the Christmas Fayre held at the village hall was a great success. We were very fortunate to have had support from the parents with toy and book donations as well as cake donations too. Another thank you also to the following businesses for their donations.



Herring Green Farm, Wilstead - They were kind enough to donate a vegetable hamper to us.

Tilly Tea shop -Cotton End - Who donated a few homemade cakes that we were able to sell.

In total this event raised £195.44 . Thank you all for your continued support. Many thanks PTFA.

Preschool sessions in January

Please note that some sessions are now full in preschool. If you have requested for your child to do an extra session please ensure this has been authorised before hand and that you have completed an extra session pink form. Thank you.



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