



Newsletter



Spring Term

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Dear Parents/Carers

The children have got off to a flying start this term and are already enjoying their new topics of into the Wild, Africa, Weather experts, America and Earth Matters.

Thank you for acknowledging my letter regarding uniform, I have seen lots of improvements already; the children are looking very smart.

We very much appreciate the contact that we have with parents and want that to continue however, if you need to get an urgent message to the class teacher please call the office to do that. We cannot guarantee that emails are picked up immediately, teachers will endeavour to respond to those by the end of the next working day. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher after school, could you please give them a couple of minutes to safely release the other children. Thank you for your consideration.

There has been quite a lot of sickness already this term and we are reminding the children of good hand washing routines too in the hope of eradicating all these germs!

Could I please remind you that if children have an upset tummy they should be kept away from school until at least 24 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Kind regards

Karen Headland

Attendance

Well done to Eagles this week with 98% attendance. Attendance target for the whole school is 98%. The school's attendance is currently 97%.



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 the 'Mindfulness Kids Programme' has started and the children are enjoying it. 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.

Diary Dates

14th January— Vision screening for Willows class

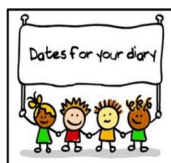
15th January—Dance club after school until 4.30pm

17th January—Gymnastic club after school today until 4.30pm

22nd January—Dance club after school today until 4.30pm

23rd January—Library van

24th January—Gymnastic club after school today until 4.30pm



Value award

This months value award is for

Courage;

Well done to Hattie, Harry C, Alex P, Isaac and Madison.



Clothing

Please can we remind you to ensure all clothing; hats, gloves, scarves, shoes etc that your child wears in school or pre-school has your child's name on it.



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Term dates.

Can we remind you of the following dates:

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.



Smiley Sam

Many thanks for your donations to Keech

Hospice. We raised £64.19. Thank you for your support.



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.



Parentmail

We have noticed that some parents are not receiving messages sent via parent mail. Please can you check your details, and update parent mail if any details have been changed. Can you also update the school if you have moved, changed your telephone number etc. Thank you.

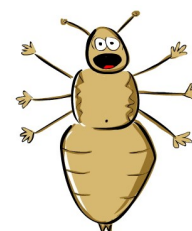


National Bug Busting Day—31st January 2019

The aim on national Bug Busting Days is to find all the head lice and zap them in one fell swoop. This stops them from circulating endlessly.

Why take part on Bug Busting Days?

Because informed, united action stops head lice from circulating endlessly. Combing wet, conditioned hair with a Bug Buster comb is a reliable detection method even when very few lice are present. Thoroughly wet lice stay still, dry or damp lice move quickly away from disturbance evading detection. If you require any further information you can call 01908 561928 Bug Buster Helpline.



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