



Newsletter

Spring Term

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14th February 2020



Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly the last few weeks have passed and that we have already come to the end of our first half of our Spring Term.

Eagles class proudly displayed their drumming skills in assembly this week, it was lovely to see and hear what they have learned in their music lessons with Mr Jarrett. Well done Eagles.

It is our time of year to re-elect School Council members who can represent their peers in school issues. We would like to thank Rosie W, Rosie H, Reggie, Caitlin, Myles and Milda for their fantastic contributions. The new School Council representatives will be announced after half term.

We also have a newly formed Eco Council who have been elected by their peers to support the school in leading environmental projects. They are: Shakiyah, Ruby J, Riley, Ethan, Honey, Jamie, Poppy, Alex P, Alex M, and Roman.

Staff changes: We are saying a fond farewell to Mr Moon who is moving onto pastures new to continue his career as a sports coach. We wish him well. Mrs Rance will be starting with us in Reception after half term.

Just a couple of reminders-the school gate opens at 8.45am and closes at 9am for the main school, if your child arrives after 9am they will be asked to go through to Reception and marked as late. Please help your child to get the day off to a smooth start by arriving in time to come through the gate with their friends. Thank you.

On a Friday afternoon school finishes at 1.30pm. We only provide care clubs for children whose parents are working on a Friday afternoon therefore, if you are at home please collect your child at 1.30pm.

I hope you all have a restful half term with your children and look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards

Karen Headland.

Attendance

A big well done to Kingfishers last week with 99% attendance and to Kingfishers this week with 99.5% attendance. Whole school attendance is 95.9% but we are aiming for 98%!



Diary Dates

14th February- Last day before half term break.

24th February- First day back after half term break.

26th February-4th March-Scholastic book fair.

2nd March-African drumming club for KS1 until 4:30PM.

3rd March- Dance club until 4:30PM.

3rd March- Football club until 4:30PM.

4th March- Coffee morning for KS1 and Early years parents 9AM-10AM.

4th March- Parent Consultations: Please book via Parent Mail.

4th March- Library Van.

4th March-Ninja Academy until 4:30PM.

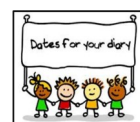
4th March-African drumming club for KS2 until 4:30PM.

4th March-World Book Day, more information to follow.

5th March-Choir club until 4:20PM.

5th March-Gymnastics club until 4:30PM.

12th March- Coffee morning for KS2 parents 9AM-10AM.



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ParentMail.

Please can we remind you to ensure that you have booked your child's place for the Friday afternoon care club if you are a working parent.



Superstar Day.

Thank you to all the children and parents who donated money for School readers on Superstar day. We were able to raise a grand total of £160! All funds will be going to School Readers.



Car parking

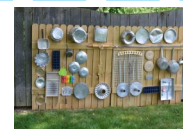
Thank you to everyone who uses the main school parent parking, however there are some parents using the front car park and side streets. Please use our 200 space car park so that we do not park in the local streets and upset our local residents. Please do not park in the disabled bay unless you have a blue badge.



Many Thanks

PRESCHOOL.

If parents have any planting tubs, metal sauce pans, lids, ladles, spoons etc, guttering, garlic presses, potato mashers, old keys and padlocks, old maps and milk or bread crates laying around we would be really grateful to have them to use in preschool.



Dawn Til Dusk

For those parents who require wrap around care, Dawn until Dusk are open from 7.30am each morning until 6pm every weekday including Fridays. There is a large variety of crafts, toys, games and outside play each session. A light tea is provided free of charge for those children who stay later. Dawn until Dusk also provide school holiday care at various locations. For more details please contact the club manager Carolyn on 07833 207070.



Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you will be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence.



Parent Coffee Morning.

Mrs Chesters-Lewis is organizing a coffee morning to get to know all of the parents of Cotton End and an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have with your child or even just a chance for a chat. There is coffee and tea provided so please contact the school to get yourself booked in. SENDCO are available during this session to discuss any educational concerns.

Dates:

KS1 and Early Years-

4th March and 25th March
9AM-10AM.

KS2-

12th March and 2nd April 9AM-10AM.



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