



Newsletter



Summer term

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Dear Parents and carers

We have come to the end of a full and busy half term. We are very fortunate that we have not had to close any bubbles like some of our neighbouring schools and I hope this continues. We were hoping to restart our after school activity clubs following the half term break however, with the local infection rates, we have now decided to leave this until September.

It has been wonderful to see so many children taking their learning opportunities outside. Year 4, Eagles class, created their own maths games on the field using natural materials and built amazing sculptures in their design and technology lesson using forest treasure. KS2 have been studying the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and created their own artwork from her images using different media.

We would also like to share some fabulous artwork that is displayed in school inspired by the Russian artist Kandinsky (photos attached)

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break with your families and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 7th June.

Kind regards

Karen Headland



Free School Meals

If your family circumstances have changed you may be entitled to claim for Free School Meals. If you would like an application form please ask at the school office. Thank you



Food donations

If you are finding you are struggling in these unprecedented times please get in touch with Mrs Chesters-Lewis via the school office.

We have been given some food items donated from a local supermarket that we can pass on to you. Thank you.



Feeding the Community

Walk to School week

Last week we celebrated Walk to School week across the school. Children were encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school and celebrated travelling sustainably.

Across the school we made a total of 341 sustainable journeys!

Our class totals are below:

Willows - 37	Ospreys- 32
Oaks - 45	Kestrels-37
Owls - 32	
Wagtails - 50	
Woodpeckers - 34	
Kingfishers - 29	
Eagles - 45	

Well done everyone!

We aim to provide our children with opportunities to become confident, happy children valuing and respecting diversity and who are proud of their achievements.

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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 may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctors text message or appointment card ,copy of prescription , consultant letter etc.

Attendance

A big well done to Owls class last week with 98.1% attendance and to Woodpeckers and Kestrels class this week with 100% Whole school attendance is 97.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



Important information

We have several children in school with nut allergies. Please can we remind you that we are nut free school. If your child brings any items into school that contain nuts in any form such as Nutella, cereal bars etc this will be returned unopened to you. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

