



Newsletter

Spring Term

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28th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

It is good news that nationally Covid rates appear to be reducing and restrictions are being lifted however infection rates remain high locally and for this reason, we have been advised by public health colleagues to keep our current arrangements in place until half term. This includes virtual assemblies, staggered lunch and play times as well as constant reminders about handwashing. I hope that we will soon be able to reduce some of these restrictions and welcome visitors back into school.

The children in KS2 took part in a fantastic sponsored Forest School Skills Day this week. It was great to see the children demonstrating the skills they had learned in knots, den building, using penknives, bow saws, drills and fire lighting. Some comments about the day from the children include; 'It was hard drilling with a hand drill, but I got there. It was excellent!', 'We made an awesome shelter with seats', 'I wish we could do it again'.



The funds raised will help to support trips and visits for the children; thank you very much for your generosity.

Year 3 have proudly shared their learning in celebration assembly this week and we heard all about their Stone Age topic including a science experiment making different types of rocks using sweets, writing playscripts, drama workshops and artwork inspired by Frida Kahlo. Well done Kingfishers, great presentations!

Our PTFA is working hard in the background and we are looking forward to some of their exciting events in the near future, look out for further information to follow. If anyone has a contact or link with a printing company, could you please contact Miss Grey with their details. Many thanks.

I would like to thank those parents who kindly took the time to respond positively to our request over parking, it is heartening to know that so many of you respect our efforts to keep everyone safe and as role models for our children demonstrate that we too understand and respect rules and boundaries.

Mrs Headland

School Start Time

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be recorded as late.



Diary Dates

- 28th January— Sunhat & Sunglasses (Reception children only).
- 3rd February— Year 6 SATS virtual Meeting 4pm
- 11th February— Mental Health "Dress to Impress" Day
- 14th February— Half term
- 21st February— Return to school



HCL

We are still finding that some Parents / Carers are not ordering their child's school dinner in advance. Please can we ask you to pre-order **all your children's meals in advance via School Grid**. This can be done weekly/half termly. If you need any assistance / a reminder of how to do this please speak to the school



Next weeks menu is as follows:-

- Monday: Burger or beany bolognaise
- Tuesday: Chicken pasta or Quorn Hot dog
- Wednesday: Roast chicken or Veg Pie
- Thursday: Beef lasagne or cheese pinwheel
- Friday: Salmon fish fingers or cheese & tomato pizza.



Jacket potatoes and sandwiches are also available to order daily.

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Reception Classes—Oak & Willows

Please can the Reception children bring in a sunhat and sunglasses on Monday 31st January ready to "jet off" to our new Around the World Destination.

School Application

If your child is due to start Primary or Secondary school this September and you have already applied for a place, please be reminded you should hear from the council around March / April time.

Attendance

A big well done to Kestrels class this week with 98.6% attendance and to Eagles class last week with 99.6%. The whole school attendance is 95.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



Children's Mental Health Week runs from 7th - 13th February this year and is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

On Friday 11th February it is also **Dress to Impress Day!**

Children can come to school wearing either clothes in their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express themselves, for a £1 donation it can be as simple or elaborate as you like!

You are able to donate on ParentMail via the payments option or by bringing in £1 donation to school on the day.

Medicines in school

Please do not send any non prescribed medicines direct with your child into school i.e. cough sweets, pain relief (Calpol), cold remedies etc.

We can only have and administer **prescribed medicines where the dose is 4 times a day in school.** Children are not permitted to bring in any medicines in school without a signed Parental consent form



Holiday Club



We are delighted to announce that Premier Education will be running a Holiday Program out of Cotton End Forest School during the upcoming February half term on Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th February 2022. Please visit www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps for booking details.

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.



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