



Newsletter

Spring term



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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of Children's Mental Health week, today we have supported the Chums Shine Bright Campaign. This is helping to raise the profile of children's voice and the importance of them being able to speak out and share their worries. Thank you for your support in allowing the children to wear their bright outfits and the donations made to Chums.

This week we have also joined in with the national Online Safety Day and the children have learned lots about how to keep themselves safe online through fun, engaging activities.

The children had lots of fun to mark our Number Day last week, they all took part in a range of maths activities inside and outside of the classroom to further develop their mathematical thinking-what a fabulous day!

Year 2, Woodpeckers class, proudly shared some of their learning in assembly this morning, demonstrating their artistic talents with the self-portraits they had created. Some children from Skylarks confidently read aloud their poems they had written, having looked at some examples of Michael Rosen poetry in class. Well done to all of the children who presented very confidently.

We would like to acknowledge that one of our Year 5 pupils, Chloe, is having her hair cut in aid of The Little Princess Trust and if anyone would like to support this please follow the link to make a donation GoFundMe, <https://gofund.me/ade4be97>. If you are not able to donate at this time, please feel free to share the link.

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

12th February—Last KS1 Coding Club
14th February—Year Reception Trip
14th February —Valentine Disco
15th February—Last KS2 Coding Club
16th February— Last Day of Term
26th February—Return to School
4th March—Book Week
4th March—Coffee Morning 8.45am
7th March—World Book Day (Further information to follow)
11th March—Vision Screening—Year Reception
15th March—Red Nose Day (Further information to follow)
17th March—Lambing Day
21st March—Movie Night (Further information to follow)
28th March—Yr2 Cake Sale
28th March—Last Day of Term
15th April—Inset Day
16th April—Return to School



Attendance

A big well done to Kestrels class this week with 98.6% attendance The whole school attendance is 96.1% but we are aiming for 98%



Spare Clothes

Can we remind you that children will need a spare set of clothes in their forest school kit at all times. This does include pants, socks, top, trousers etc. as they do get wet and muddy and they will on occasion need to change their clothes. Thank you.



Valentine Disco Following our successful event in the Summer term, we are delighted to host another disco for children in Reception to year 6. The discos will take place on **Wednesday 14th February** and children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are invited to attend from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The children will be able to get changed for the disco at school. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the second disco from 4.45pm to 5.45pm. They will be expected to get changed at home and return to school at 4.45pm. **Each ticket costs £3.50** and the children will be provided with drinks and snacks. **Please note the tickets are limited and the purchase window within ParentMail will expire on 12th February.**



School Lunches The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Easter holidays 2024. Please could we kindly remind all parents / carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues your child will be asked to wait until the end of service and receive what the kitchen has left. Thank you for your support.



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Lent

We have decided to support Cotton End Baptist Church with donations towards the Bedford Foodbank for Lent between 14th February and 28th March 2024

If you would like to donate you are more than welcome to bring any items into the school office.



Shine Bright



Today the children were invited to wear brightly coloured mufti to raise awareness and to support the mental health & emotional wellbeing of children and young people across Bedfordshire (a cause we feel is now more important than ever). We managed to raise over £150 which will go towards the CHUMS Charity – thank you for your continued support.

Nut Allergies Can we remind you not to send nuts into school with your child under any circumstances. **This does include:** peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spread with hazelnut, Nutella, cereal bars and any other product that contains nuts. We do have children in school with severe nut allergies so please check the ingredients carefully. Thank you for your ongoing support with keeping our children safe.



Parking Please! Please! Please!

Do not park in neighbouring roads to collect your children from school.

We have a **HUGE** car park and plenty of space for everyone. We are having calls from irate neighbours who have been inconvenienced by people collecting children and this is often blocking our phone lines at crucial times.



Spring Lambing Day



£5 per person
Under 2s free

Visit & feed the lambs!
BBQ & Refreshments available plus lots more to see and do!

Manor Farm,
Wilstead,
MK45 3DS

11am – 3pm

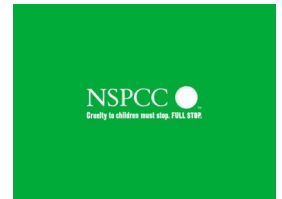
We are very excited to announce that we have organised with the support of a local farm, a Spring Lamb Day on Sunday 17th March. The tickets are available to buy now via Eventbrite, please see the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/Spring-Lamb-Day-Tickets>

Please share with your family and friends too. See you there !!

NSPCC Number Day

Last week we took part in the NSPCC's national Number Day aimed at promoting a positive 'can do' attitude towards maths.



The children and staff came to school dressed in an item of clothing with a number on for mufti. An impressive £242 was raised.

Public Health

Due to an increase in winter illnesses and following advice from public health, we have decided to continue the **48 hour incubation period for the foreseeable future.**



Also, You may of seen on the news recently that there has been an increase in Measles. Please see the below link for information that you may find useful:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles

Thank you

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