

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children and staff have been working very hard this term and there is some amazing teaching and learning going on in the school.

Please can I remind you to keep your child at home if they have a temperature. If they have sickness or diarrhoea please keep them at home for 48 hours. It is important to reduce the risk of infecting other children. Thank you

Mrs Jerrom

School Uniform

Please can we remind you that children are expected to be in correct uniform on days when they are not doing PE. This includes black shoes and not trainers. If you are in need of school shoes, then please speak to Jane Barbury who may be able to help.

Thank you for your support.

<u>Headteacher Awards - Year 5</u> <u>Science</u>

Year 5 have been working hard in science learning about the life cycle of mammals.

Well done to the following children who gained Headteacher awards for their work.

Riley Lola Harriett Jessie- Leigh Ellis Junior

LKS2 News

In Year 3, the children have been learning about life in the Stone Age. Through their own research they have learnt a lot about the life of a hunter-gatherer and the benefits of building settlements with farms. In art, they have also been learning about cave art and the importance of this is to find out about prehistoric times when no written record was made. The children are now applying their writing skills to produce their own information books about the Stone Age peoples' homes, food, clothes, tools and



entertainment. We are looking forward to making a lovely display of their books on the corridor display.

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the children who worked so hard to achieve their awards.

Lola- Louise Y3 - For fabulous work on fractions

Oliver Y3 - For writing expanded noun phrases

Lexi Y5 - For making a clay ladybird at home

Grace Y5 - For a lovely drawing of a synagogue

Amelia Y5 - For making clay minbeasts at home

Tamara Y6 - For writing chapter stories at home

Ronnie Y5 - For a lovely drawing of a synagogue

Madison-Rose Y6 - For doing additional homework on fractions

Isabelley6 - For being a loyal friend

Kelsey-Rai Y6 - for being a loyal friend

Lilly Y6 - For being a loyal friend

Alfie Y4 - For great writing about Mount Everest

Frankie F Y6 - For writing a leaflet about visiting Pandora

Scarlett Y3 - For getting 40/40 in a times table test.





Dates for your Diary

Fri 20th Jan - Girls football vs Nonsuch Primary Thurs 2nd Feb - Boys football vs St Elpheges Fri 3rd Feb - Girls football vs St Elpheges W/C 6th Feb - Mental Health Awareness Week W/C 6th Feb - Book Fair Week
Thurs 9th Feb - Boys football vs Holy Trinity
Fri 10th Feb - Children break up for half term
Mon 20th Feb - Inset Day

Foundation Stage

This week in Nursery, the children have been learning about 'Winter'. The children have been doing 'Polar Bear Polar Bear' and the children have also been creating lots of pretty artwork in their classes. They have been making collages of igloos and also they have been making penguin masks and polar bears. The children have really enjoyed looking at and talking about the weather this week.

In Reception, the children have been learning about the festival 'Chinese New Year.' The children have been learning about how it is celebrated and looking at some of the traditions that are included. The children created their own Chinese shop in the Maths area and began using the money to buy items for their own celebrations. The children enjoyed reading the story of the Chinese New Year and acting the story out with their friends. The children liked trying to copy the Chinese words and numbers which were around the room and evening pretending to use chopsticks

Please remember that Reception children need to come into school every Tuesday with their P.E. kits on and wearing their school shoes and not wearing earrings. Children should bring their trainers and plimsolls in a bag for the lesson or they can be left on their pegs so that the children can change into the correct shoes before their P.E. lesson. Can we please also ask that all children in Nursery and Reception have a bag they can keep at school on their peg with some spare clothes just in case they become wet. Thank you very much.









Miss Digman

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 launched their new topic with a Superhero day. The children had great fun coming to school dressed as a superhero and telling each other about their special powers. The children then went on a superhero hunt around the playground to see how many were hidden, they learnt how to record their names using capital letters to start.

The children also learnt a new superhero dance. This week the children have been learning about verbs and nouns with the help of characters 'Super Verb' and 'Super Noun'. The children have been sorting words and putting them into noun and verb pairs to help them write sentences.

Miss Thirtle

UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Since the start of the Spring Term, Year 5 have been working on our new topic, 'Beast Creator'. The children have been writing reports about minibeasts, including butterflies, ladybirds and spiders, and brushing up on their inference and prediction skills in supporting reading. We have also been completing pictures of different insects using the stippling technique. In Science, we have been studying living things and their habitats. This week we have learned about the famous primatologist Jane Goodall and her work to protect the environment and habitats of chimpanzees in Tanzania. We are also creating adverts to display in class in support of the Jane Goodall foundation, while in maths, we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. In addition, we have been using Inkscape to create tessellating designs in computing and looking at the subject of School Life in French lessons. In music, we have considered how music can be used for a social purpose, including for protest in apartheid South Africa.

This term Year 6 have been learning about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. We have learned about the huge variety of animals who call the Galapagos Islands home and the climate there. In Science we have been learning about fossilisation and really enjoyed looking at some real life fossils that Mr Dix kindly brought in. In maths we have continued to learn about fractions and have also moved on to decimals and percentages. In English and computing we have been creating adverts. In English we have made a tourist leaflet and are currently creating our own moving adverts in computing.

Mrs Moat