

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continued hard work ensuring great education for all our pupils throughout a term with many absences. Equally, the children have really persevered at their lessons. I thoroughly enjoy seeing the fantastic work they produce.

Attendance and punctuality continues to be an issue. Please avoid booking holidays during term time. If your child is absent from school please let us know on the first morning of absence. Thank you for your support with this.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Jerrom

#### Dates for your Diary

Fri 22nd Mar - Girls Football vs All Saints	Mon 15th Apr - Children return to school
Mon 25th Mar - Parents Evening	W/B Mon 22nd Apr - Year 5 Bikeability
Wed 27th Mar - Oral Health Promotion	Tues 23rd Apr - Reception Height & Weight check
Thurs 28th Mar - Hat Parade and Easter Tombola	Thurs 25th Apr - Intra House Sports Day KS1
<del>Thurs 28th Mar - Break up for Easter 2pm Finish</del>	W/B 13th May - KS2 SATs Week

#### New Communication and Messaging System

In the next coming weeks, we will be moving over to a new communication and messaging service. We will be encouraging families to download and install the **My Child at School** app to your smart phone and you will shortly receive instructions on how to log into your new account.



#### Headteacher Awards

Aputhaa Y4 - for making a beautiful William Morris inspired cushion  
 Amelia Y6 - for fantastic homework about the Arctic  
 Serenity Y6 - for writing a great newspaper report  
 Dhanya Y4 - for making a beautiful William Morris inspired cushion  
 Parvathy Y2 - for great homework about coastlines  
 Zeeshan Y2 - for super homework about the RNLI  
 Adhu Y4 - for making a beautiful William Morris inspired cushion  
 Casey Y3 - for making an outstanding model of the earth  
 Bobby Y4 - for making a great topic book about mountains with his friends  
 Sara Y4 - for making a great topic book about mountains with her friends  
 Aathithyan Y4 - for making a great topic book about mountains with his friends  
 Faizan Y4 - for making a beautiful William Morris inspired cushion  
 Shaurya Y4 - for making a beautiful William Morris inspired cushion  
 Bradley Y6 - for fantastic writing  
 Tommy Y5 - for great homework about England  
 Aiden Y4 - for making a beautiful William Morris inspired cushion  
 Lily-Anne Y5 - for great homework about the USA  
 Gracie Y5 - for fantastic homework about the planets, and Day and night  
 Lola Y6 - for making a seal from clay



### UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Year 5 has been learning about veganism and we are writing a balanced argument about the pros and cons of veganism in English. Although most of us in Y5 enjoy eating meat, it has been giving us a lot of food for thought. In our Topic work, we have been continuing to learn about farming in different parts of the world; this week we have been concentrating on citrus farming in California. The children have been enjoying learning about the planets in our solar system and have found out interesting facts about them. Earth is the only known planet that supports life and is therefore said to be in the 'Goldilocks Zone'!

In Year 6, children have begun the revision process in maths in preparation for the End of KS2 assessments which take place in May. In English, the children have been writing newspaper reports about explorers who have either gone missing or discovered something. This week as part of our reading lesson, Year 6 will be looking at poetry and developing comprehension skills with this text type. In science, they are continuing to learn about Darwin's work surrounding Evolution and Inheritance. In topic, the children continue to learn about the polar regions.

Mrs McLean

### KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

As part of the 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic, Year 1 have been making comparisons between contrasting cities - London and Kuala Lumpur. They are in the process of consolidating their learning by making a journal for Marley the Meerkat, who is travelling from Kuala Lumpur Zoo to London Zoo to meet his relatives. The children have been making a list of clothes that Marley should bring on his trip for each season. They chose a London landmark for Marley to visit, then drew and labelled it as well as explaining its importance. They have drawn routes from a station to their chosen landmark and written directions using positional and directional vocabulary. They will complete their journal by finding out and recording the opening times of London Zoo. The children have really enjoyed learning all about the city.

Miss Thirtle

### Foundation Stage

This week and next week in Nursery, they are learning all about Easter.

The children have loved singing nursery rhymes and choosing a rhyme to sing from the Nursery rhyme bag together. The children have been pretending to be Lisa and choosing songs to sing with their friends during their play. In Literacy, the children have been practising writing their names or the first letter. The children are doing so well so keep practising this at home with them. In Maths, the children have been playing and developing their number knowledge. Using numbered chicks, the children have been matching numbers to quantity.

In Reception, the topic the children are learning about is called 'Signs of Spring'. The children have been watching Spring videos looking at how the seasons have changed, they even watched a video of baby chicks being born.

Outside, Reception enjoyed playing outside and noticing how the outside area has changed now we are in the season of Spring. The children have enjoyed painting pictures of baby ducks. The children enjoyed going on a shape hunt this week, hunting for both 2D and 3D shapes. At home this weekend, can you go on a family shape hunt and find different 2D and 3D shapes?

In Maths, the children have been looking at odd and even numbers. They have been designing their own alien and then telling their friends how they have drawn their alien and whether they have an odd or even amount of eyes, legs, arms, mouth etc.

In Phonics this week the children have been learning to read longer words and words ending in 's' and 'es'. They are focusing on tricky words 'they', 'all', 'by', 'my', 'are', 'sure' and 'pure'.

Don't forget, the school breaks up next Thursday for the Easter holidays. On this day, we have our Easter Hat Parade so don't forget to bring your Easter bonnet which you have been making at home. The parade will take place at 1:30pm in the main playground. If the morning Nursery would like to be included in the afternoon for the Easter Bonnet parade, we are happy for you to return in the afternoon and accompany your child for the parade and escort them home afterwards.

Have a lovely Easter!

Miss Digman

### LKS2 News

This week in Year 3, we have begun drafting diary entries based on experiencing a volcanic eruption in Mexico. The children have worked hard to learn the features of a diary and are trying very hard to include them in their own writing. In Maths, we have continued our learning on fractions, this time looking at equivalent fractions. We know that equivalent means equal or the same and we have been using a fraction wall to find as many equivalent fractions as we can. Both classes also enjoyed learning the names of different pet animals in French and had fun telling each other about their pets using the French language.

This week in year 4, the children have been drafting their own mountain adventure narratives. Using some of the ideas from our class book 'The King of the Cloud Forests', the children have planned their own stories about a character that gets stuck on the mountain with some unusual but friendly creatures. They are taking great care to show off all their year 4 writing skills. In Science the children are learning about classifying animals and plants and how to display this on a tree diagram. Thankfully the better weather means that we can make use of our garden area to classify our own flora and fauna.

Mrs Iroala

### Hat Parade

We will be holding this year's Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March 2024. We are encouraging all parents and carers to help their child make a hat at home, ready for the parade.

The parade will begin in the main playground with Nursery at 1.30pm and finish with Year 6 approximately 20 minutes later. Children will be finishing school at 2pm, **there will be no late club on that day.**

### Absence Request Forms

Absence request forms are now available from the school office. If you are requesting time off for your child during term time then this form needs to be completed and handed in to the office. Authorisation will only be given for requests of absence due to exceptional circumstances.

### Olympian or Paralympian Visit

On the 14th June, we will either have an Olympian or Paralympian come to visit the school and take part in a fundraising event with the children. Nearer the time, the children will receive sponsorship forms and we will find out more information about the athlete visiting the school.

### Sports Day

Sports day will now be held on Tuesday 16th July at the David Weir Centre opposite the school. More information will be given closer to the day.

Please save the date in your diary!

### Sports News

On Saturday 16/3, Lexie and Jessie in Year 6 competed at the IC British Open Cheer and Dance Competition, in Nottingham. We are really proud to say that both returned as **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**

Lexie is with Unity Allstars Lime and Jessie with Unity Allstars Peach and Pearl. The awards received were National Champion T-shirts, medals, rings and a very large trophy for the whole team. Well done girls, we are thrilled to be able to share your success!



After winning their first 2 matches, Tweeddale girls football team experienced an agonising defeat to Holy Trinity last Friday. Despite Limota's amazing goal, a thunderous shot from the corner of the area, Holy Trinity nicked a 2-1 win with a goal just seconds from the end. There were chances at both ends, with both goalkeepers on good form and defences stretched, but Holy Trinity perhaps just about deserved their win. The girls were a credit to the school however, so much so that we received the following e-mail: *Just returned from watching our granddaughter (Holy Trinity) play Tweeddale girls in a football match. The pupils from both sides were excellent, in their attitude, sporting play and enthusiasm. Well done Tweeddale you played hard and fair and were a credit to the school. The ref played the game in the correct spirit, encouraging and supporting both sides. Well done Tweeddale*

Well done girls! This praise from outside means a lot and shows you all in a really positive light indeed. Keep it up.

Mr Dix

### School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

#### **SPRING TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February**

**Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**

**Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March**

School Holiday

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**

#### **SUMMER TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May**

**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

**Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July**

#### INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 4th December

Monday 8th January

Monday 3rd June

Wednesday 24th July

## Voice in a Million

Choir were very lucky to attend the 15th anniversary of Voice in a Million at the OVO arena. We were part of a choir which consisted of schools from around the country and were treated to a concert by the band Sweet Love. All the children had a fantastic time and were extremely well behaved for Mrs Gray and Miss Taylor.

We would also like to say a massive thankyou to Mrs Gray and Miss Taylor who have worked very hard with the choir children and who took time out of their day to take them to the Voice in a Million concert.



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Details of our policies and procedures can be found on our website Including Data Protection and our Privacy Notice. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the School Office.

## CAMHS Education Wellbeing Service

At our next parent's evening, professionals from Sutton CAMHS Education Wellbeing Service will be present to speak to anyone who is interested to know more about the interventions and support they can offer to parents/carers of primary school aged children.

Their service offers two guided self-help interventions to skill up parents/carers to support their child with

- 1) managing fears and worries and/or
- 2) manage behavioural struggles.



# EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

**DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-11?**

**IS IT DIFFICULT TO GET YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE REGULAR TANTRUMS?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD FEEL ANXIOUS IN NEW / SOCIAL SITUATIONS?**

**IS THE BEDTIME ROUTINE A DAILY STRUGGLE?**

**DO YOU FEEL STUCK IN A NEGATIVE CYCLE WITH YOUR CHILD?**

**DO YOUR CHILD'S WORRIES OR FEARS IMPACT ON YOUR FAMILY'S DAILY LIFE?**

**DO YOU STRUGGLE TO GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS?**

**AN NHS WELLBEING PRACTITIONER MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!**

**I'M LEVINE  
I'M BASED AT TWEEDDALE ON THURSDAY  
FEEL FREE TO SAY HI AND ASK ME ABOUT THE WORK WE DO.**

**WE OFFER:**  
1:1 GUIDED SELF HELP TO PARENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S ANXIETY OR BEHAVIOUR  
6-8 WEEKLY SESSIONS TO HELP YOU REFLECT ON HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF YOUR CHILD AND LEARN TO PUT EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES IN PLACE SO THAT FAMILY LIFE CAN FEEL CALMER AND HAPPIER.

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