

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the term which always seems to go very quickly. The children have already started learning Christmas songs and staff are making plans for Christmas celebrations. There are also plans for Enterprise week being made. So keep up to date with events via our website, newsletters and groupcall messages. Our new curriculum is becoming well embedded and the children are enjoying learning new topics. Thanks to Mr Dix who has been sharing different year groups topics in assembly we are all learning lots of new things. Please refer to the class curriculum pages on the school website for more information. We look forward to welcoming you into school for parents meetings on Thursday 9th and Monday 13th November. Don't forget to book your appointments.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Dates for your Diary

Tues 7th Nov - Flu Vaccine Catch Up Session	Fri 17th Nov - Y6 Sutton Life Centre Trip
Thurs 9th Nov - Intra House Sports Day	Fri 24th Nov - Y3 & Y4 Climbing Festival
Thurs 9th Nov - Parent Target Setting Meetings	W/B 4th Dec - Enterprise Week
Fri 10th Nov - Mufti Day for Water House	Tues 12th Dec - Rudolph Run
Mon 13th Nov - Parent Target Setting Meetings	Thurs 21st Dec - Break up for Christmas
Tues 14th Nov - Individual Photos	2pm finish

Water House - Mufti Day

Water house will have a mufti day on Friday 10th November as a reward for achieving 6062 house points in the Autumn 1 term. **Please remember that no football shirts are allowed.**

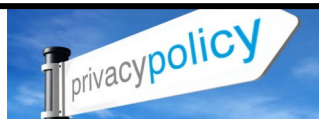
Congratulations to all in Water house!!

Lost Property

Yet again the lost property box is overflowing! If your child's clothing is not named then we will be unable to return items to the children and they will be put in the lost property box which can be located in the office. If your child has recently lost an item of clothing, please come and check to see if it has been handed in as we will dispose of any uncollected items at the end of term.

Headteacher Awards

- Jesse Y2 - For writing about a haunted house
- Lucas Y6 - For writing in different tenses
- Roqayah Y3 - For great homework about food in the Stone age
- Oliver Y3 - For fantastic homework about tools used in the Stone age
- Arjune Y3 - For making a fantastic model of a volcano
- Lennon Y3 - For great homework about Cheddar man
- Krishma Y3 - For wonderful homework about an Iron age hill fort
- Mia Y3 - For great work about Celtic warriors
- Riley Y6 - For fantastic homework on the topic of Maafa
- Ellis Y6 - For great homework about Rosa parks
- Sebastian Y3 - For fabulous art work on colour theory
- Richie Y6 - For great enthusiasm for homework
- Archie Y5 - For amazing homework about The Shang Dynasty
- Billie Rose Y5 - For writing a poem about The Shang Dynasty



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UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

In Year 5, the children have been learning how to write relative clauses using 'who', 'which' and 'that'. The children have also been learning about everyday life in Ancient China. In the Black History Month assembly this week, Year 5 presented our pictures of John Blanke, who was a black trumpeter in the Court of Henry VIII. Children learned that he was well thought of by Henry VIII and was even given a wedding gift of a new suit from him!

In Year 6, the children have been learning about the HMS Windrush and are preparing to write a non-chronological report about it. In maths, the children have been learning about the written methods for the 4 operations. For Black History Month, Year 6 have been learning about black people in the world wars - which the children shared with the rest of school during the assembly.

Mrs McLean

LKS2 News

Years 3 and 4 have had a great first week back in school after the half term break. In year 4 we have started learning about Norse mythology and found writing features in 'Thor fishing for Jormungand'. The children are soon going to be writing their own myth in this style, using fronted adverbials, conjunctions and a full range of punctuation. In Maths this week we have all started learning about area. The children have learnt that area is the space that a shape takes up and we can find the area by counting up the squares inside the shape. Year 3 have continued learning about prehistoric times and have learnt about cinquain poems. They have written about Iron Age farmers and warriors, focusing on using different numbers of syllables in each line. In Maths, year 3 have worked hard on learning to use column methods. This will prove an essential skill as they continue their maths learning throughout the school. Well done LKS2!

Mrs Iraola

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

In Maths Year 2 have been looking at adding 2 digit numbers and word problems. In English we are learning about the features of a newspaper and using expanded noun phrases in our sentences. In Geography we have learnt about the continents, oceans, north and south poles and the equator.

Year 1 have been looking at 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark' and we have been looking at using capital letters and full stops. In maths we have been looking at part and whole models. We have also recently celebrated black history month, where we learnt about the first black man to own a circus.

Miss Dhillon & Ms Siwale-Mali

Foundation Stage

In Nursery, the children have been exploring pumpkins on the malleable table. The children have also been on a nature walk in the outside area where they had to find certain autumn features. They loved exploring the different items they found. The children have been playing in their new 3 bears cottage role play area.

In Reception this week, the children have enjoyed lots of mark-making and writing activities and exploring a variety of activities to develop their phonics skills.

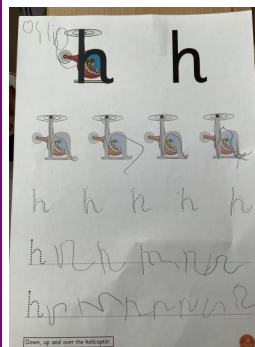
The children have been practising their phonics sounds that we have learnt over the last few weeks. We have been practising reading CVC words. They have then been practising to write these letters and words outside in the sand and also in Lion class using the paintbrushes in the flour. The children have really enjoyed using the whiteboard markers and whiteboards to write simple CVC words that they have learnt during carpet time.

In the book area the children have enjoyed sharing familiar stories with their peers and re-enacting different parts of the story.

We have been talking about African animals and the children have enjoyed using orange/brown/yellow paints to decorate a lion and then painting the hands to decorate the lion's mane. We have been talking about flamingos and how they move and learnt some very interesting facts! The children even explored balancing on one leg and practising a flamingo dance.

This week Lion class has received a new easel which the children have loved using to paint their own pictures.

The children have enjoyed talking about the fireworks and that they might be going at the weekend. If you do go, feel free to bring in a picture which your child can show the class. Have fun!



Miss Digman

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.

Jane Barbury

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. The link below will give you an indication on whether you should send your child into school or keep them at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do decide to keep your child at home, please remember that you must call the school office to let us know that they will not be in and give us a reason.

Sports News

This term we have lots of different clubs for the children to take advantage of and places will be allocated randomly (except for Crystal Palace clubs which are paid for).

Tweeddale boys' football team's winning run continues! After defeating St Mary's and Hackbridge, the boys have now added a dominant 9-0 win over Beddington! Riley, Leo, Junior, Logan and Tommy-Kai all got their names on the scoresheet, while the defensive efforts of Ellis, Chris, Yehor, Ethan and Billy helped keep the goals out, in front of a solid goalkeeper in Charlie. Jake provided plenty of skill and energy in midfield too - a great squad effort so far. Just as importantly, their gracious and sporting attitude in victory was commendable, against clearly weaker opposition. Of course, the boys are also loving being on stage in assemblies, basking in the glory of victory! After last year's girls' team were so successful, it's great to see the boys enjoying the acclaim so far this year. So far, the boys have shown excellent team work, commitment and organisation to sit top of the league, with half of the matches played. Well done boys - keep it going! The girls' season will be beginning shortly.

Mrs McLean

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

AUTUMN TERM

School Holiday

Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December

School Holiday

Friday 22nd December - Friday 5th January

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 8th January

Wednesday 24th July

There will be an additional **two** inset days which have yet to be announced and will be communicated in due course.