

This term, we have seen some disruption to school life with some staff absences and a high number of children in particular classes off school with COVID-19. The staff absences have meant that different adults have taught the children either in person or online. We have also suspended after school clubs (not Parachutes) until Monday 7th February. Thank you to parents for your support and understanding.

Be ready for changes and disruption

Even though we are not concerned presently for another outbreak, we would fully encourage all parents to be prepared for a class outbreak of COVID-19:

- ➔ Order extra free LFD test packs <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>. If a class is in an outbreak, daily testing is required and you can soon run out.
- ➔ Have your child's Teams login (Reception to Year 6). Contact the school office if you cannot locate yours.
- ➔ Attend everyday, if possible, in case learning is disrupted.

Attendance – School gates

The school gates open by 8:45am. Registration begins at 8:50am. Lessons start at 9:00am. The school gates will close at 9:00am. If parents arrive just before this time, we may well ask parents to encourage the children to walk into school independently or a senior member of staff can take them in. School gates open at 3:10pm at the end of the school day.

School events calendar

The school events page has now been populated with many events over the rest of the year. One coming up soon – Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th February.

Use the class pages to talk about the learning...

It is very common in schools for parents to ask their children, "What did you do / learn at school?" and the reply is "nothing" or "can't remember".

However, parents could try two different approaches and you may get more of a positive conversation.

- ➔ Ask a specific positive question about the group or other children:
 - Who did you see laughing today?
 - Did your class learn as artists today?
 - Was there learning when children didn't sit down today?
- ➔ Use the class pages and comment (not ask) on the twitter pictures:
 - I saw that your class played netball today. That looked fun.

Learning in action



Reception learning to write.



Year 1 artists mixing secondary colours.



Year 1 scientists learning to measure temperature.

Year 2 in singing practice. They usually practise with others in the hall but not recently, due to class bubbles. You can watch this on the Elm class page.





Year 3 exploring the coronation ceremony of Queen Elizabeth II.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)

Children in Year 2 – Year 6 have access to TTRS. This online platform is proving to be the most successful game across the country to help children



learn their times tables. Children will have a chance in school to practise, but encouraging them to access their account at home will help them to rock out and learn their key multiplication facts!

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

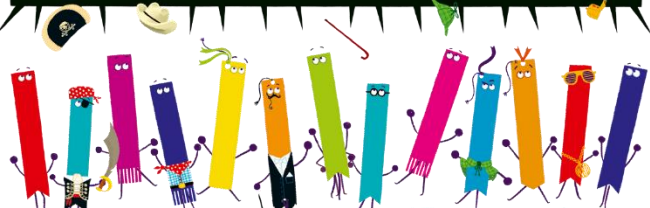
Children in Reception and Year 1 can access Numbots. <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro> All the logins have been given out on reading records or can be requested.



Year 5 athletes developing their speed and agility.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. Every year, we have got involved in this global event. Watch out for a letter from Mrs Brice and Miss Hall which will share our plans.



Eco-Award



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Golden Mentions



Well done to the children who managed to be awarded for their achievement and entry into the school's Gold Book recently: Isla in Year 3 demonstrated her exceptional skills as a mathematician; Logan in Year 1 wrote "more than ever." Liam, Isla, Harry and Emilia in Year 5 have made outstanding progress in their writing. Other writing achievement was recognised for Jayden and Grace.

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