

Newsletter

14th February 2020

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Ajutor de lectură

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پڑھنا مدد

، تو بے ایسا اگر ہے؟ مشکل بہت سمجھنا کو خطوط کے اسکول کیا اپنے لئے کے کرنے ترجمہ اور کریں لوڈ ڈاؤن ایپ ٹرانسلیٹ گوگل کریں۔ استعمال کا کیمرہ

Reading help

Are school letters too difficult to understand? If so, download the Google Translate App and use your camera to translate.

We miss you when you are not here!

We have seen a noticeable increase in attendance in Years 1 and 2. This is great!

The attendance in Year 3 is below 95% - below the national average. One reason for this drop in attendance is families choosing to take holidays during term time. Unfortunately this will result in us notifying the council and requesting that fixed term penalty notices are issued.

There are 175 days in a year (weekends, half terms and end of term breaks), where children are not expected to be in school. If they are not in school, they will miss learning.



We would like you to think of a Jenga tower, and how several gaps in learning (blocks) that have resulted from school absence, leads to a weak foundation. A weak foundation of understanding and skills in a range of concepts is 'hard to build upon'.

Dates

February

Monday 24th: First day back

Tuesday 25th 9am or 7pm Parent presentation: *Talk to talk; Talk to learn*

March

Thursday 5th: World Book Day

Monday 9th Sports Relief Week

April

Thursday 2nd April – last day of term

Friday 3rd April – INSET Day – School Closed

Monday 20th April – First day back

Parents' Evening

This was a huge success as usual, with very high levels of attendance from parents. As a community, we usually boast 100% engagement and we are nearly there with this.

Success with Gymnastics

Children from Year 3-4 participated in regional gymnastics competitions this term. Despite being inexperienced at competing, our children did very well against strong competition; our Year 4 children came 3rd out of 20 schools!

Down on the HVA farm

Apple and Acorn classes enjoyed a visit from FarmLink earlier in the term. FarmLink provide fun and learning through an informative "hands-on" approach to education in a countryside setting.



Thank you to the PTA

The PTA continue to organise and run events to develop community and raise money for the school. The aim of the fundraising is to supply playtimes for children. Recently they have committed to paying for more games and equipment to enjoy 'wet' playtimes.

E-safety – Is your child safe on Tik-Tok?

Mrs Howe led E-safety this week across the school. For more information on how you can support your child go to www.saferinternet.org.uk or specifically, go to:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/safer-internet-day-2020-top-tips>

A caring community

On behalf of two members of staff, we would like to thank parents, especially in Ash and Apple class, for being considerate to the health needs of our staff. Both Miss Rossiter-Johnston and Mrs Giles have had a period of absence from school. Thank you for your best wishes and supporting our staff, in particular Mrs Stafford and Miss Cross.

We have taken on feedback regarding short-term Class Teacher absence and we have been endeavouring to maintain the following in recent weeks:

- Ensure the consistent supply teachers we use know the routines at the start and the end of the day.
- When there is a supply teacher, Learning Partners will support or lead the playground morning line welcoming children.
- If there is planned absence (courses), our teachers will inform their children ahead of the day.

Greatest dancers

Thank you to the Dark Angels for stopping by for 15 minutes to perform several routines as they toured several CLF schools ahead of the weekend performance on the Greatest Dancer TV show.



Did your child go to space this week?

Whilst Year 2 and Reception learnt about Space this term, when the Space Dome visited on Thursday, it seemed a shame not to let others visit. We hope they told you about it – ask them!

Music lessons

Each week, your children may experience a music lesson with Mrs Sear. As a school, we rotate this opportunity amongst the classes each term. Mrs Sear is a music teacher as well as a Learning Partner in Year 1. We are proud to boast specialist music lessons.



In addition, we recently acquired keyboards from a music service. We would like you to know that when we next advertise for specialist music lessons, we will be loaning out the keyboards to support home practising.

Art Gallery on Friday 14th February

The Art Gallery displayed so many excellent examples of children's art. Thank you for your involvement again. The children really enjoy sharing their learning outcomes with their parents.



Learn to talk; Talk to learn – Parent Meeting for all Tuesday 25th February 9am and 7pm

We would like to invite you to further support our whole school approach called: Learn to talk; talk to learn. We would like to tell you more about it as it is central to our approach to teaching at our school.



Do not miss 1st day back on Monday 24th February. The teachers are planning for the fun start back!

Best wishes
Mr Jones

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